Government defeated in vote on PR elections for Europe

Vincanile las Chine las Labour opponents of the EEC lined up with Conservative opponents of proportional representation yesterday to defeat heavily the Government's recommendation that the Continental-style voting system be used in the first direct elections to the Liberals.

the European Assembly. By a majority of 97, in a free vote, the Commons called for a simple majority vote in Britain and a single transferable vote in Northern Ireland. The decision was a blow to

Serious blow for Mr Steel

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The Commons last night rejected by 319 votes to 222, a majority of 97, the Government's recommendation to accept a form of proportional representation as the system to be used in the first direct elec-tions to the European Assembly. An alliance, largely of Labour opponents of the EEC and Conservative opponents of propor-

cional representation, carried a
Labour backbench amendment
to the European Assemblies Bill
accepting the traditional British
method for elections to Westminster, of first past the post The decision was a humilia-tion to the Government, and a serious blow to its agreement with the Liberals who were the

who me Liberals who were the driving force behind the proportional representation campaign. It will present serious difficulties for Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, fighting to maintain the agreement against growing disenchantment within his party. his party.
The Liberal conference in September warned that the agreement to sustain the Gov-

ernment in the Commons would be ended if a substantial majority of Labour MPs did not support the Government in recommendation of proportional representation. But yesterday, it was soon evident that MPs on both sides

of the House looked on a vote for proportional representation for the European Assembly as the thin end of the wedge for for the European Assembly as the thin end of the wedge for a similar system being introduced for Westminster electric produced for the wedge for a simple produced for the wedge for the wedge for a simple produced for the wedge for the w

clear that there was now no hope of reaching the Community target date for these elections of May or June, 1978, whichever system was adopted.

Mr Douglas Hurd, leading off in the debate from the Conservative from bench, produced formes showing correlations.

figures showing conclusively that unless all the legislative days available in January and February were devoted to the European Assembly Elections
Bill it would not be possible to
obtain Royal Assent in time to
meet the deadline. This
destroyed one of the main
arguments of the Liberals and
others who favour proportional
representation.

With a free vote on both sides of the House, but with Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, advocating PR on behalf of the Govern-ment, and Mr Hurd supporting the traditional system as his personal choice, it was soon clear that the Government was in serious difficulty.

Mr Hurd repeatedly chal-lenged Mr Rees to say whether the Government was prepared to forget about all other legislation, including the Scotland and Wales Bills, for the first two months of the new year, but he failed to get any clear

Mr Heath and Mr Rees, held out the target date as a carrot to persuade MPs to vote as the Government wished. But it was evident that that was a forlorn

the first-past-the-post system.

Mr Hurd calculated that Royal Assem would not be reached until May 24. On the basis of Mr Rees's estimate that it would then take three months to prepare for and hold the elections, the target date was out of the question. As the Prime Minister had said, it would not be the end of the world if the elections were post-poned. Mr Hurd felt it would be a great mistake to impose an important voting innovation on top of the innovation of direct elections.

Opening the debate Mr Rees told the House that he yielded to no one in his support for the traditional system of election for the House of Commons. But Europe was different.

He believed that the regional

Europe was different.

He believed that the regional list system was appropriate for the European Assembly. It would enable speedier progress to be made and could produce a more representative result than a simple majority system. When there were only 81 seats the swings would be enormous between elections.

Mr Rees said that puless Mr Rees said that unless

there was a speed-up in pro-cedures after Christmas, the chances of achieving the target date under the first-past-the-post system were extremely re-

Under the regional list system they were talking about a period of three months between Royal Assent and the comple tion of the elections.

Anglo-French summit proposes wider industrial cooperation

new spirit of French entente is to be ex-tended by industrial cooperation between the two countries.

Mr Callaghan, the Prime
Minister, announced yesterday
that he and President Giscard d'Estaing have agreed to set up a committee of officials to examine industrial cooperation and identify new areas where joint projects would be practical. Its first meeting will be early in the new year.

This was the main conclusion to emerge from the two-day meeting at Chequers, which ended yesterday. Both sides appeared pleased that the conversations had gone well, with Mr Callaghan emphasizing that the purpose was not to take decisions but to make Angio-French consultation "a natural

habit."

Speaking at a press conference at RAF Halton near Chequers, before M Giscard d'Estaing left Heathrow for Paris, Mr Callaghan said the new committee would consider joint projects in offsbore oil technology, work on the periphery of computers, the car industry, machine tools and the paper industry.

paper industry.

The two leaders also welcomed plans for a 2,000 megawatt cable hink under the channel, provided their electricity authorities showed it would be a commercial

new airliner, Mr Callaghan Without any urging from insisted that the test would be their political leaders, the viability. "We want the companies to establish if there is a joint venture here." He said a French project and a British project were under review, from the commercial angle of markets, prospects

"The only thing we ask", the Prime Minister added, "is that we should reach an early decision. We do not want to be left behind by incapacity to make up our minds."

M Giscard d'Estaing, support-ing this need for a rapid decision, pointed out more generally that Britain and France had similar problems and similar abilities, and that they could certainly increase their competitive position in the world and reduce their handicaps by working together, adding as an example the "brilliant success"

The only political reference at the press conference concerned direct elections to the European Parliament. With the Commons due to vote last night on the method of electing MPs for Europe, M Giscard d'Estaing remarked that the other eight countries of the Community had now announced they would be ready to hold direct elections by June, 1978, and he hoped Britain would be ready too. Mr Callaghan chipped in to say: "If it is not 1978, it will be 1979."

industries, along with the West
Germans and the Dutch, are
moving speedily towards
developing a family of European
airliners.

airliners.
The family will comprise a 70-100 seater based on the British HS146 design, a 130-160 seater based largely on a French design, a 200-seat B10 version of the A300 European airbus, and the 300-seat airbus itself. Most immediate among these projects, with a decision possibly by January, is the 130-160

Originally there were two competing European designs, the British X-11, a development of the BAC 1-11 airliner, 200 of which are in service around world, and the French

But British Aerospace, the nationalized aircraft industry nationalized agreed that its X-11 should be placed in a "fall-back position". A team of 20 engineers from the four potential partner countries has been set up at its headquarters at Weybridge, Surrey, to work out details of the new airliner.

The IET team set its known. The JET team, as it is known, has been told to start with a "blank sheet of paper", but it is certain that its members are leaning heavily on the French work which has already been completed on the A200

Photograph, page 6; £250m Channel power link, page 17



armoured personnel "Designed for the 1960s, needs more



Rapier anti-aircraft missile: "No transport, no crew pro-



Chieftain tank: "Serious engine trouble yet no spare



Wombat recoilless gun: "Aging weapon

BAOR equipment 'badly deficient', officers declare

Allegations of serious deficiencies in the standard of The Times by serving officers. They maintain that the deteriorating state of weapons and equipment has contributed to the loss of army morale caused by low pay.

The altegations concern Rhine

Army anti-aircraft defences, anti-rank weapons, ammunition anti-rank weapons, ammunion transport and radios, which, officers say, are so old or so scarce that they make a mockety of ministerial state-ments about the state of readi-ness of British forces assigned to Note.

The allegations in detail, and rebuttals by senior army sources

Stonehouse

report

criticizes

QC, say Mr Stonehouse's

are criticized for their role in the preparation of the audit for the first seven trading months

of London Capital Group, the former British Bangladesh Trust, to June 30, 1973. BBT

links with the emergent Bang-

The inspectors say it was clear that at least 26 per cent

of: total loans outstanding at June 30 of £748,000 were repre-sented by loan accounts of the

directors and associated com-

directors and associated com-panies.

"Mr Levine quite wrongly advised that the directors' report need not refer to the loans in question because each loan contract should be con-sidered separately and its materiality judged in isola-tion", the inspectors say. His firm was adviser to BBT.

"Sir Charles Hardie, de-spite explicit advice to the contrary from his own legal adviser, quite wrongly capitu-

adviser, quite wrongly capitu-lated to the view that settle-

ment of the loans would obviate the need to disclose them in the

Dixon Wilson, Sir Charles's

firm, were auditors to BBT. In contrast to the criticisms of the

1973 audit, his firm is praised for its persistence in revealing the "extensive improprieties" a year later.

As a result of their findings the inspectors make a number

ladesh nation.

advisers

with recent operational experi- were no spares for them, or that requirements, so there ence in Germany, are given below.

However, they come at a time when not only Service pay is causing concern to soldiers. Last week a seminar on Britain's reserve forces, held at the Royal United Services Institute in Whitehall, heard officers venti-lating criticisms.

It was pointed out at the seminar that Britain has no real reserve, since all our reserves, on mobilization, would be sent to make up serious deficiencies in the regular order

ing as reservists warned the their units were with such old-weapons that there

they had to rely on assurances that modern equipment would be available for them on mobilization, although they had never trained with it. trained with it.

The allegations about the Rhine Army's equipment and Rhine Army's equipment and the rebuttals are as follows:
Anti-aircraft defences: The Rapier anti-aircraft missile is the Army's only air defence, yet the British Corps has only two Rapier regiments to defend its entire area. It has no effective means of transport or protection for the missile crews. When Britzin tried to sell the missile overseas, Middle Eastern governments bought it only on ern governments bought it only on condition that the system could be augmented with American-built armoured tracked carriers for transport and protection. Comment: Rapier was designed to be air-portable for Britain's global

armoured chassis available for its deployment with the Rhine Army, although that will probably be produced in time. A third artillery regiment is equipping with Rapier, RAF airfields are defended by the RAF Regiment with Rapier, and further air defence would be provided in an emergency by volunteer reserve units with guns and the Blowpipe missile.

Anti-tank: (a) M-72, 66mm rocket. In the opinion of most infantrymen who have to use it it is men who have to use it, it is hopelessly, even dangerously, out

hopelessly, even dangerously, out of date and frequently fails to detonate.

(b) The same criticisms apply to the 88mm Carl Gustav rocket.

Comment: Those short-range weapons have recognized limitations but the Army is due to declare a replacement. The delay has been caused by technical evolution of a difficult weapon system.

Two French nuns

in Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Dec 13.-Two

French nuns involved in human

rights activities have been kidnapped by armed civrhans claiming to be members of Argentine security forces, the French Consul here said today.

Sister Alicia Domon, aged 40, of the Order of Foreign Mis-

or the Orner of Foreign Mis-sionaries, was snatched from her home in central Buenos Aires on Thursday night and Sister Léonie Duquet, aged 59, was taken away on Saturday morn-ing.—Reuter.

kidnapped

(c) Milan, Although due to replace the aging Wombat recoilless gun, it will not reach most battalions until the mid-1980s, leaving them without any effective anti-tank capability for up to seven years. Comment: Training with Milan has now started at the School of Infantry. It is a first-generation medium-range weapon that has required much research. It will be produced as quickly as possible but might be introduced more rapidly if the political situation deteriorated.

rapidly if the political situation deteriorated.
Chieftain tank: Because of curs in the detence budget, officers have been told there are no spare engines for the Chieftains located in Germany in spite of that tank's widespread engine trouble. When tanks break down on exercise, they have to be towed back to camp and left, while the crew have no replacements.
Comment: The Chieftain's engine

The police said that as the two Securicor vehicles, one providing an escort, approached

the crossroads a white Mark II Ford Cortina slowed, forcing them to do so. The escort was rammed from behind by another

Two men from it forced the

at guapoint to go to the armoured van. At the same time a green Mark II Cortina

time a green Mark II Cortina drove across the road and two men ran to the cash carrier and fired a shot through the windscreen. They also fired shots at the offside tyres.

They cut open the side of the cash carrier with a mechanical metal grinder.

After the raid, in which the gang used five vehicles, the gunmen left in the box van. The driver dropped about five men

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where a bridge crossed the M1 about a mile away. He parked the van in Beech Tree Lane, between Leverstock Green and St Albans, ran across a garden, and joined the rest of the gang on the M1. They drove towards

London in the escape vehicle.

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Chairman Hua Kuo-feng (in light jacket) helps volunteers to dig the site for a dam at Mi yun, 40 miles north-east of Peking.

Call to tape-record suspects' interviews

The police should tape-record gest they had got the wrong heir interviews with suspects man, or that for some other their interviews with suspects and only confessions supported by recordings should be the basis for a conviction, a report basis for a conviction, a report by Sir Heury Fisher, a former High Court judge, says today.

Sir Henry has been investigat-ing for two years the circum-stances leading to the trial and conviction of three youths after

conviction of three yourns after the death of a transvestite homosexual prostitute, Maxwell Confait, in his bome at Catford, London. His report criticizes the preparation of the prose-cution case.

of the Judges' Rules on investi-gations, including use of a new police caution to make clearer that a suspect is entitled to say nothing So long as there is no sup-

porting evidence for a confes-sion the police should not automatically conclude their in-quiries on the assumption that the confession is true but should continue other inquiries until they are satisfied that all alter-natives have been excluded,

of recommendations, some of which have been followed up in the recent White Paper on directors' responsibilities. These include: a change in the definition of "director" it says.

Sir Henry says the police do not see it as their duty to initiate inquiries that might sug-Continued on page 17, col 4

reason the prosecution should fail. Nobody outside the police regards it as his duty to spur the police on to question the case and to follow lines of inquiry which might be inconsistent with it. ", he adds.

"There have been enough cases of police musbehaviour in England to give rise to sus-picion when events such as those in the Confait case occur, and to justify a reconsideration of the control exercised over police interrogation."

He urges changes to ensure that the whole evidence is evaluated in a critical way in the DPP's office. He also says that pathologists, whose evidence in the Confait case did not make clear information that was vital for one defence alibi, should see any witness's state-ment that might be relevant to time of death.

Mr David McNee, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police last night welcomed the fact that some speculative criti-cisms, made before the report's publication, had proved un-

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Firemen will reject pay offer today

The employers' latest offer, of a pay formula to take effect over two years, will be rejected today by the Fire Brigades Union executive as a way of ending the strike. Some firemen voted to accept the offer, but the biggest brigades, including London and Greater Manchester, rejected to await reports it. The union is expected to await reports from its officials before taking action over the clashes at Epping on Monday between pickets and part-time firemen Page 2

Pay policy condemned The Society of Civil and Public Servants

has condemned the finance and general purposes committee of the TUC for condoning "Government attempts to impose an arbitrary and discriminatory incomes policy in the public sector". It says the committee's decision not to support the firemen's strike was contrary to TUC policy, and calls for its reversal Page 2

Critical Rhodesia talks Settlement talks between the Rhodesian Government and three internally based nationalist movements will reach a critical stage today. The meeting could decide whether the talks can be split into separate committees to discuss details or whether they will stall on the Government's insist-ence on a third of a future parliament's seats being held by whites Page 7 Output drop points to rise in unemployment

Industrial production shows no signs of picking up, despite the economic stimulus given by Mr Healey in the summer. The implication of Government figures, which showed that industrial production fell by about 14 per cent in October, is that unemployment will probably rise this Page 17

Spy inquiry in Bonn A senior adviser in the West German

Ministry of Defence is being investigated as a result of the disclosure that vital military secrets have been passed to East Germany. The adviser's former secretary was allegedly the key figure in the spy and being Page 6.

Spassky blunders

A blunder by Boris Spassky, former world chess champion, drew gasps of dismay from spectators in Belgrade and brought him another defeat at the hands of Viktor Korchnoi... Korchnoi now leads 6—2 in the match to decide who will play Anatoly Karpov for the world title Page 6

Cancer: Methods of recording the incidence of the disease do not show up some new cancers, the Royal Society was

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proposition. Asked about cooperation on a Our Air Correspondent writes: Israeli and Egyptian peace teams hold first meeting

From Edward Mortimer Cairo, Dec 13

Direct negotiations between Egypt and Israel began here to-day with a one-and-a-half hour informal meeting devoted to discussion of procedure for to-morrow's formal opening of the Cairo peace conference. The meeting took place over coffee and cakes in the wing

occupied by the Egyptian delegation in the Mena House Hotel, near the pyramids. The host was the head of the Egyptian: delegation, Dr Esmat Abdel Megnid, who is Egypt's Ambassador the United Nacions.

Also present on the Egyptian side was Dr Osama el Baz, a high-ranking diplomat who was nstars er one of the party accompanying President Sadat on his visit to Israel last month. Israel was represented by its head of delegation, Mr Eliahn

Ben Elisser, who is director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, and Dr Meir Rosenne legal adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Neither the United nations nor the United States was represented, al-though both will be present at the formal conference The Egyptian-Israeli meeting was one of a series between dif-

terent delegations. Dr Morsi Saadeddine, the Egyptian Under Secretary of State for Information, explained that these meetings were concerned purely with procedure for tomorrow, not with the agenda for the con-ference as a whole, which is to be decided at the first closed session tomorrow.

This is to be preceded by a public meeting which will be opened by Dr Abdel Meguid, who as delegate of the host country will also act as chair-man throughout the conference. After him, each of the other three heads of delegation will make a short speech, in alpha-

the conference, which Dr Saadedine described as an informal preparatory meeting to pave the way for the resumption of the Geneva conference and to get rid of procedural matters which may entangle it.

The Israeli delegates arrived in Cairo this morning on a special El Al flight and were driven to the conference hotel through a city festooned with Public places had been draped with Egyptian flags, but there were no Israeli flags and

no messages in Hebrew. Nor

were there any watching crowds since it had been announced-

presumably for security reasons—that the delegates would be taken to the hotel by helicopter. Vance rebuff in Syria, page 6 Relying on America, page 14

Civil Service union urges TUC to contest incomes policy

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

Union leaders of executive civil servents have accused the TUC of giving "tacit support" to the Government's 10 per cent pay rise limit and are seeking

In a letter delivered by hand last night to Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, the Society of Civil and Public Servants urged other union leaders to rescind the decision of the TUC "inner cabinet" not to support the faremen's strike and 30 per cent pay

Mr Gerry Gillman the union's general secretary, said in the letter: "That decision is contrary to explicit congress policy, and appears to condone government attempts to impose an arbitrary and discriminatory incomes policy in the public

He recalled that the TUC "inner cabinet", its finance and general purposes committee, had said that free collective bargaining gave not only unions but employers, including the Government, the same freedom.

"These statements seem to based on a misconception. What the Government is applying in the public services is not free collective bargaining, Mr Gillman insisted. "It it were, they would be negotiating and settling on the merits of each case. But although they have themselves recognized the iustice of the firemen's case, they have still refused to move their self-imposed

limits on pay.

"The public sector is in fact being subject to an arbitrary and rigid incomes policy enforced by a set of crude sanctions." Mr Gillman's letter is the first for m public indication that other norm.

By Hugh Nayes Parliamentary Correspondent

Mr Callaghan was in buoyant

mood in the Commons yester-day as he spoke confidently of further tax cuts in Mr Healey's

spring Budget and told MPs that inflation had been over-

He predicted substantial improvements in the standard

of living of the British people in 1978. But he said that all

that would be thrown oway and the proposed tax cuts would not

take place if the nation rejected

the need for moderate increases in earnings and went for "fan-tastic increases of 20 and 30

a moderate increase in earnings now, coupled with a reduction

in taxation and the fact that 1978.

Westminster ·

Buoyant Mr Callaghan

talks of more tax cuts

public sector unions support the firemen in their assault on the income policy. Mr Murray has been specifically asked to bring it to the notice of the TUC General Council at its meeting next Wednesday. But the "inner cabinet's" recommendation not to mount a general offensive against the 10 per cent

limit is expected to carry.

The civil servants remind TUC leaders that the September TUC conference adopted a resolution insisting that the Government should set an example to other employers by honouring normal collective bargaining procedures. It was made clear that any attempt to impose a rigid pay policy in

impose a rigid pay policy in the public sector would be regarded as a fundamental breach of TUC policy.

The society's initiative, authorized by its executive council, adds "In the case of the Civil Service, the Government have refused to honour existing agreed bargaining procedures for the next settlement date in April 1978.

date in April 1978.

"Throughout the public services, cash limits exist as an services, cash emilis exist as an arbitrary restriction on pay. These methods are simply the counterpart in the public sector of sanctions in the private sector used to try to enforce an incomes policy which was not agreed by congress." TUC leaders have rejected the

Fire Brigades Union's plea for a campaign against the 10 per cent wage rise limit on the ground that the Cabinet is determined to uphold its income policy. But the civil servants clearly fear that if the TUC will not back the striking firemen no other group of public workers will be given the support of the wider labour movement in pursuit of a claim for more than the government

inflation, which was expected to be in single figures next

year, would greatly improve the standard of life for the first

time for several years. If moderate semiconents were rejected, there would be a general reduction in standards.

to ignore opposition on planning By John Young Planning Reporter

The Government indicated yesterday that it is ready to override parliamentary and public opposition to its proposed relaxations in planning controls, due to come into force on January 1.

As reported in The Times last month, the Town and Country Planning General Development Order is intended to reduce the annual total of applications by between a tenth and a fifth. Notably, it raises the limits on extensions to private houses and industrial buildings, exempts conversion of houses into separate homes and gives local authorities greater discretion over listed buildings. Last week the House of Lords

carried a motion proposed by Lord Duncan-Sandys, president of the Civic Trust, urging the Government to withdraw the order. It has also been "prayed against" in the Commons but it still appears that the Government is not prepared to make parliamentary time available before the holiday recess, although a later debate although a la remains possible.

Opposition to the order comes from an unusual alliance between conservationists and local authorities. The former local authorities. The former take the view expressed by Lord Duncan-Sandys that it threatens historic buildings, conservation areas and national parks, and the lutter are concerned that it will increase rather than diminish their planning headaches.

Mr Christopher McLaren chairman of Kensington and Chelsea Town Planning Commintee, said the changes would have most unfortunate results in high-density inner-urban areas, and suggested that the amendments should be applied only at the request of individual local authorities. Mr Arthur Miller, a member of Leeds Planning Committee, maintained that the extra time required to deal with complaints would obviate any

Savings. However, Mr Lewis Sturge chairman of East Northampton shire Planning Committee described Lord Duncan-Sandys motion as deplorable, adding that it had done the cause of true conservation nothing but harm.

Productivity pay for electricians

Mrs Thatcher challenged the Prime Minister to confirm that the pay in the packer of the average worker this Christmas would buy less than at any Christmas since 1969. Mr Caliaghan replied that responsible people had never tried to deny the effect of higher oil prices and other matters.

That had lowered the standards of life in Britain and other countries. But, Mr Callaghan said, the nation was A pay agreement within government guidelines has been reached for 35,000 electrical contracting workers Labour Editor writes). It increases the industry's pay bill by 10 per cent to £150.7m a year, and site electricians will be able to earn as much as 30 rer cent."

Callaghan said, the nation was recovering and real and submoderate increase in earnings stantial increases in living standards would be seen in per cent more through a pro-

1978. ductivity scheme monitored by Parliamentary report, page 8 the joint industrial board. the Government was overcoming Decision on dismissed MP postponed

The Labour disputes sub-committee carried by 23 votes mittee to which Mrs Maureen columbum, MP for Northamporetire and criticizing her public Colquhoun, MP for Northampton, North, appealed yesterday in an attempt to reverse her local party's decision to dismiss her has reached no decision. It will meet again in the new year. Its recommendation will then go to Labour's organization go to Labour's organization Party gave evidence.
committee, meeting on January
9. It will make its recommendation to the party's national executive later uext month.
Two months ago Mrs Colqubers it is a very wicked because it is a very wicked ago with the course of th

houn's local party management world."

behaviour and statements. The subcommittee met yesterday to consider whether Labour rules had been broken during the process that led to the motion.

Mrs Colquioun and four memory of the process of the led to the motion. bers of the constituency Labour Party gave evidence.

She added: "They went very carefully into all the rules and regulations. I am hopeful that because of the exhaustive nature of this inquiry they will find that irregularities did occur at Northampton, North, as I have always believed they

A group called the Maureen Colquboun Action Committee said: "It is clear to everyone that the real reason for her sacking is that she has come out publicly and unashamedly as a leshian woman."

Sugar company seeks ban on ATV programme By a Staff Reporter Tate and Lyle stated last

Tate and Lyle stated last night that it is to seek an injunction to prevent the showing tonight of an Associated Television programme called The South African Experience.

The company is inserting advertisements in national newspapers saying that interviews and recoverage in the programme.

In a letter to The Times to-day, Lord Windlesham, manag-ing director of the ATV Net-work, explains why ATV agreed to cut three statements from the completed film, and says that Mr Antony Thomas, the producer, categorically denies that any interviews were rigged or deliberately falsified. Letters, page 15

New measures on Ulster fuel debt

The Government is concerned at the high level of public debt in Northern Ireland, particularly for housing, electricity and gas. In a Commons written reply yesterday Mr Concannon, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, said the total was £23m.

Announcing measures for debt recovery, he said an order to be introduced soon would provide for the same collection provide for the same collection charge (at present 50p a week) to be made for fuel debt as is

Fewer school meals The number of pupils eating school meals in England and Wales in October fell by 648,000 or nearly 12 per cent compared with the same time last year. That was disclosed

Government | Fire Brigades Union executive will reject employers' latest wage offer today

By Donald Macintyre

Labour Reporter
The Fire Brigades Union a pay formula to take effect over two years as a basis for ending the four-week strike by ment. 30,000 firemen. Reports of meetings through-

out the country were still coming in last night, but it was clear that most of the 16 mem-bers of the executive will be committed against any recall of the national conference, which alone has the power to call off

The union's south-eastern region is in favour of recalling the conference and the 270 Bedfordshire firemen voted to accept the offer, but the brigades in London. Wales, the West Midlands, Greater Man-chester, Merseyside, West Yorkshire and East Anglia all rejected it.
The most hopeful move that

the executive could agree on today would be to seek a further meeting with the local authority negotiators to discuss their 16-point offer, including the formula that would, from 1979, tie firemen's pay to that of the top quarter of industrial

Responses from yesterday's rank-and-file meetings varied. Some emphasized that the employers were offering no more than a rise of a tenth from November 7 and some drew attention to the conditions attached to the offer.

The conditions include a "no- if wage levels went up by a general secretary of the Rerecrimination" clause, a warn- tenth in each of the next two mined Fire Fighters' Union, ing that negotiations for 2 executive today will formally shorter working week will also reject the employers' offer of cover productivity, and a plan cover productivity, and a plan to cover all firemen's duties under their contract of employ-

The regional committee of the London Fire Brigade, repre-senting 5,800 firemen, said it had unanimously endorsed the evecutive's decision not to recall the conference on the basis of the employers' offer. The main comfort for em-

ployers is that none of vester-day's meetings appears to have rejected, as an outline for the future, the formula that the employers say would give average earnings for firemen of £89 a week from next November and £102 from November 1979,

The union is likely to await a report from its regional officials before taking any action

after the clashes on Monday night at Epping fire station, Essex, between pickets and parttime firemen.

The trouble started when the six part-timers tried to drive a

fire appliance out of the station. at which about two hundred pickets had gathered. One picket was arrested after the incident and released later on

The part-timers said that the appliance's windscreen had been shattered by a brick and pickets said a car had been driven at some of the strikers. Mr Gordon Newton, assistant

Ulster bombers disrupt

From Christopher Walker

Christmas shopping

Provisional IRA bombers struck again in the commercial centre of Belfast yesterday. Christmas shoppers were cleared from many streets after armed men had planted four bombs in a large sports store close to the BBC's headquarters. After the first explosion army firefighters were ham-

By George Clark Political Correspondent

Rejecting by implication the

socialist strategy for returning to full employment, Mrs Wil-liams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said last night that the Labour Party

must look at present patterns of work and collaborate in "a

new and more ambitious Mar-shall Plan to lift our world out

of persistent recession".

She was speaking at Central Hall, Westminster, at a meeting of the Campaign for Labour

Flames engulfed the threestorey building, wrecking the store and severely damaging an adjoining restaurant and shirt

factory.

Later, three bombs exploded close to the centre of Londonderry, two in a furniture shop and the third in a nelectrical supply shop near by. The attacks came after warnings of an intensification of the IRA's pered by the threat of others bombing campaign against eco-and exploding gas canisters. nomic targets over Christmas. Press Association reports).

Minister urges new Marshall Plan

Benn, Secretary of State for

Energy, on Monday for the

party to transform society by shifting wealth and power to

liams said that better social benefits had softened the im-pact a little but Labour must never forget the high psycho-

logical cost.

If this problem is to be

resolved it is essential to secure not only capital-intensive sectors

of employment but other areas also where smaller firms which

are labour intensive and employ

London Symphony Orchestra in 1979, and he has chosen Mahler's sixth symphony as the

main work for a series of con-certs to be given by the youth

orchestra in European capitals

president of the orchestra, will

conduct an overture at each

concert. He was unable to attend the reception to an-nounce the new orchestra yesterday because of the Com-

mons debate on direct elections to the European Parliament.

On unemployment, Mrs Wil-

sold the incident indicated "mob rule" and said it was similar to thers throughout the country.

Mr Roy Martindale, one of the Fire Brigades Union's national officers, said last night: "Our instructions are for peaceful picketing and that remains the case. It does appear that in this case a car was driven at some of the pickets. We are likely to have a report to the executive and we would not do anything until we have

About a hundred striking firemen laid wreaths yesterday on the steps of County Hall. London, and at Congress House, the offices of the TUC, after a march from the London brisade's headquarters in Lambern.

The wreaths carried the in-scription: "In memory of the London Fire Brigade, reduced to its present death state by indifference".

Plea rejected: Full-time firemen in Northern Ireland voted vesterday to continue their strike, rejecting pleas from several of Ulster's political parties to treat the province as a special case (Christopher special case (Christophe Walker writes from Belfast). £10 for Servicemen: The Ministry of Defence has approved an extra £10 a head

to be spent on Christmas fare and entertainment for Service-men on firefighting duties (the

Present work patterns must

be examined with a view to encouraging early retirement and phased working including

for a new and more ambitious Marshall Plan."

She declared the European Economic Community controversy "a dead battle".

The EEC, she said was help-

Deserter found

killing PC's son

army deserter, was found not

guilty at Winchester Crown

Court last night of murdering

a policeman's son. But he was

found guilty by a majority ver-

dict of the manslaughter of

Kenneth Green, aged 18. Sentence on Mr Liddle, who

swayed in the dock when the

not guilty verdict was announced, was deferred by Mr

Trent, murdered Mr Green on

a country road in the New

Forest after Mr Green had fol-lowed two strangers from the

village of Breamore, where his father was the village police-man. It was also alleged that Mr Liddle dumped Mr Green's

many countries.

guilty of

wrist with a knife. He denied all the charges. 300 trawlermen

In brief

on some lines.

Christmas bus

and Tube plans

On Christmas Day Loudon buses will run until 4 pm on

licy sections of 33 routes, and

the Underground will run be-

tween 9.30 am and 4.30 pm

On Boxing Day and Bank

holiday Tuesday buses will

operate on 171 routes or sec-

tions of routes, starting at 9

am and finishing at Sunday

times. Tubes will operate a reduced Sunday service from 10 am on Foxing Day, and a Sun-day service on bank holiday Tuesday. There will be a Sun-

day service on buses and Tubes on the New Year Bank holiday

Monday but last trains will rea

David Lashley was jailed at the Central Criminal Court kas

night for 18 years for what was described as a further out-rageous attack. Judge Gillis, OC, was told that Mr Lashley

steruck again within months of being released on parole after serving only half of a 12-year

Mr Lashley, aged 38, of Beaconsfield Road, Southall, London, was convicted of twice

raping a woman, trying to strangle her, and slashing her

Attacker jailed

for 18 years

jail sentence.

will lose jobs British United Trawlers said vesterday that it is laying up its 15 Hull-based distant water sidefishing trawlers until the new year. Nearly 300 men will lose

The company said the Bear Island and Russian coast grounds are closed to them, and the guara in the Name of the Superior of th and phased working including two-thirds or even one-third time, perhaps longer holidays and educational leave.

"In the third world there is a crying need for a really large-scale programme of intermediate technology. It is time for a new and more ambitions." the quota in the Norwegian sector of the Barents Sea will be taken up in three or four days by vessels already there.

15 years for street killer

A man who shot a passerby dead near Paddington station London, was jailed at the Central Criminal Court yester-

ing to stabilize democracy in day for 15 years.

Anthony O'Mahoney, aged
25, a roofer, of Chalk Hill
Estate, Wembley, was found guilty of the manslaughter of Emmanuel Alombah, aged 22 student, on the night of February 24-25. He was acquirted Ralph Liddle, aged 23, an

£820.000 charge

Six men were charged yesterday with conspiracy to rob Brinks-Mat, the security com-pany, of £820,000 at Heathrow sirport, London, in March. They will appear at Staines Magis-trate Court today.

Strike delays trains A two-hour strike over Christnounced, was deferred by Mr mas working by guards at Justice Lawson until today.

The prosecution had alleged several trains used by Kent that Mr Liddle, of Stoke-on-commuters to be cancelled and others delayed

Water began flowing yesterday into a new 189-acre reservoir between Ardingley and Balcombe, West Sussex. It is thought that the reservoir will be nearly full by next summer.

Seven hurt in crash

Seven people were injured when a single-deck bus left the A52 Nottingham to Derby road near Borrowash and plunged 30ft down an embankment yes-terday. The driver, and the

question Mr Bessell From Our Correspondent

Detectives

Los Angeles

Det Chief Supt Michael Challes, of Avon and Somerset Police, who is heading the investigation into an alleged plot to murder Mr Norman Scott, the male model who claims to have had a beneave the release to have had a beneave the second have had a homosexual relation-ship with Mr Jeremy Thorpe, met Mr Peter Bessell, former Liberal MP for Bodmin, in Los Angeles yesterday. Mr Thorpe has always denied Mr Scott's

Mr Chelles and Det Supt David Greenhaugh were met by an FBI agent when they arrived in Los Angeles from London on Monday night. Mr Bessell drove 100 miles from his home in Oceanside, California, to meet the two men in his lawyer's office.

Mr Challes has already interviewed Mr Andrew Newton, a pilot, who has maintained that he was hired to kill Mr Scott for £5,000.

Allegations by Mr Mikardo on election costs

yesterday that National Front candidates in general and local elections in his constituency, Tower Hamlets, Bertunal Green and Bow, had still not yet filed returns of their election

The returns, which should be made within 35 days of an elec-tion, were outstanding for a Front caudidate in the October, 1974, general election, an elec-tion for the Greater London ton for the Greater London
Council and a recept borough
council election, he said,
Mr Mikardo has warned the
Home Secretary that unless
action is taken against the
Front candidates by January 31
he will refuse to submit a return
of his expenses at the next
election.

Leading role for Britain in European youth orchestra By Martin Huckerby high", Mrs Joy Brier, secretary-general of the orchestra, said. The membership will change

Her speech will be regarded individual craftsmen and individual craftsmen and individual skills can flourish.

European Community Youth Orchestra was announced in London yesterday. Britain takes the largest single share of the membership, 43 of the total of 135 musicians.

135 musicians.

The original aim was to give chance to work together as Europeans, with 12 to 15 players from each of the nine EEC member states. But some countries did not organize national competitions to select their conditions of the countries and the countries of the countries of the countries of the countries and the countries of the countries are designed. their candidates, and in some cases there is little tradition of youth orchestras. Thus, while France provides 20 players and Italy 15, Denmark has only six. Britain, with a national com-

petition organized with help from the BBC, attracted 800 applicants and provides nearly a third of the players. "The standard was umbelievably

Naafi makes £15.5m profit

The Naali made a trading profit of £15.5m last year, half as much again as the previous year's, despite reductions in Service strength

Mr Liddle dumped Mr Green's body in the Avon. Mr Liddle told the jury that after his companion, a man named White, had taken a Volvo car at Woodgreen, he heard a thump and then found Mr Green's body in the road. He concluded Mr Green was dead, thinking he might have been hit by the stolen car. The orchestra will also perform in London, Aberdeen and Dublin under Lorin Mazzel Duke of Kent for New Zealand

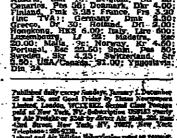
The Duke and Duchess of Kent will make their first visit to New Zealand next May, it was announced from York House yesterday.

sunny intervals; wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 9 to 11°C (48 to 52°F). NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man; rather cloudy, perhaps a little rain occasionally; wind SW, moderate; max temp 9 or 10°C (48 to 50°F). NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee; dry, rather cloudy, bright intervals; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 9°C (48°F). SW Scotland, Glasgow, ceptral

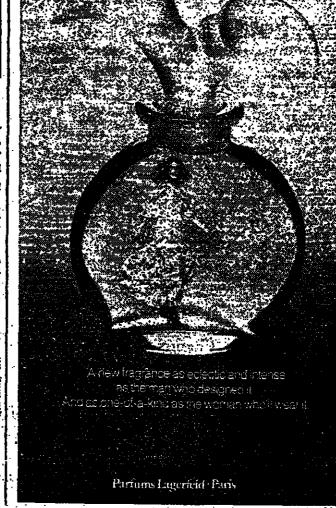
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Strait of Dover: Wind W to SW,
light; sea slight.
English Channel (E): Wind
SW, light; sea smooth.
St George's Channel: Wind
SW, moderate; sea slight.
Irish Sea: Wind SW, moderate,
perhaps strong in N later; sea
slight, becoming moderate in N.



London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C (52°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 8°C (46°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.04in. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.032.4 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.









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and sequences in the pro-gramme were faked, and that it has affidavits from its em-ployees in South Africa to prove it.

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in a Commons written reply yesterday by Miss Margaret Jackson, Under-Secretary of State, Education and Science.

Weather forecast and recordings

Today Sun rises: 7.59 am 3.52 pm First quarter : December 17. Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.30 am. Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.30 am. High water: London Bridge, 3.57 am, 7.4m (24.3ft); 4.26 pm, 7.6m (24.9ft). Avonmouth, 9.36 am, 13.5m (44.4ft); 10.1 pm, 13.0m (22.7ft). Dover, 12.59 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 1.27 pm, 6.3m (22.2ft). Hull, 8.34 am, 7.5m (24.5ft); 8.42 pm, 7.6m (24.8ft). Liverpool, 1.21 am, 9.4m (30.9ft); 1.42 pm, 9.7m (31.8ft).

An anticyclone will remain just to the S of England. A trough of low pressure will cross parts Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central E, central N England, East Anglia, Midlands: early fog patries, dry, some sunny intervals; wind SW light; max temp 8 or 9°C (46 to 48°F). SW England, Wales, Channel Islands: dry, rather cloudy, WEATHER REPORTS YESTERUA
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;

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Inquiry into Confait killing five years ago criticizes police breaches of Judges' Rules

Home Affairs Correspondent had available to him a great three boys to questions. The prolonged controversy over the conduct of the police before the courts."

The prolonged controversy deal of evidence which was not before the courts. and the findings of the courts in the case of Maxwell Confait, the homosexual prostitute murdered at Catford, London, in 1972, took a surprising new twist yesterday with the report

of the Fisher inquiry.

The findings of the inquiry
by Sir Henry Fisher, President
of Wolfson College, Oxford, and a former High Court judge, differ in important respects from those of both previous

court hearings.

Three youths were freed by the Court of Appeal in 1975 after being convicted in 1972 on charges arising out of Mr Confair's death and a fire at 27 Doggett Road, Catford, where his body was found by firement

Sir Henry finds that on the balance of probabilities the most likely explanation is that all three youths took part in the arson of which they were convicted by the trial court; that Ronald Leighton and Ahmet Sakih were involved in the killing in relation to which Mr Salih never stood trial; and that Colin Lattimore, who was

that Colin Lattimore, who was convicted of manslaughter by the trial court, was not involved in the killing.

The Court of Appeal, on a reference by the Home Secretary of the day, quashed the convictions of the three youths on the ground that their confessions were unreliable in the light of expert evidence and so light of expert evidence and so were unsafe and unsatisfactory. Mr Lattimore (aged 18 at the time of Mr Confair's death) was acquitted of manslaughter be-cause of diminished responsi-

cause of diminished responsibility; Mr Leighton (then aged 15) of murder; and Mr Salih (then aged 14) of arson.

The Court of Appeal decision is not affected by Sir Henry's findings. The courts have to be satisfied with the burden of proof beyond reasonable doubt.

In a parliamentary written In a parliamentary written reply yesterday Mr Rees, Home Secretary, said: "Sir Henry makes it clear that in coming to these conclusions he was not bound by the verdict of the jury or the judgment of the Court of Appeal, that the arguments addressed to him were not in all respects the same as those

In his report Sir Henry criti-In his report Sir Henry criti-cizes the conduct of the police investigation, including the interviewing of the youths in the absence of their parents, and certain specific breaches of the Judges' Rules.

He rejects, however, other

allegations about the way in which the youths' confessions were obtained and finds that allegations that the police had

assaulted them were untrue. Sir Henry also suggests an amendment of the wording of the police caution to make its legal meaning plainer. The evidence he had heard suggested that persons to whom the cau-tion was addressed often did not understand that what they were being told was that they were under no obligation to answer questions put by the police and would not be harming their position in any way if they did not answer.

Sir Henry's report says that on April 24, 1972, during separate interviews with Detec-tive Chief Superintendent Alan Jones, who was in charge of the investigation, Colin Lartimore and Ronald Leighton confessed to having taken part in the killing of Mr Confait. Ahmet Sakh confessed to having been pre-sent. All three boys confessed to having taken part in the arson at 27 Doggett Road.

Later in the evening of April 24, and during the early hours of April 25, each of the boys repeated his confession in a written statement made in the presence of one of his parents, and in the case of Salih in the presence also of an interpreter. Mr Lammore's father and Mr Leighton's mother signed state-ments expressing satisfaction with the way in which the state-

ments were taken.

"In their evidence at the trial all three boys alleged on oath that they had been physically assaulted by a police officer", Sir Henry's report says. "These allegations wer repeated in evidence before me by Selih and by Lattwore I by Szlih and by Lattimore. I find that the allegations were

untrue.

"I find that no police officer
deliberately falsified the record

as accurately as possible the questions and the answers

given and the written statements made by the boys. The records are substantially accurate in all relevant respects." Sir Henry finds that the fire at 27 Doggett Road was probably started shortly before 1.10 am on April 22, 1972, and

could not have been set alight before 12.45 am. He also finds that Mr Confait died not later than midnight, April 21-22, and probably died before 10.30 pm on April 21.

"I accept the evidence that Lattimore was at the Salvation Army Torchbearers youth club from about 7.30 pm to about 11.30 pm. I find that he was not present at and did not take part in the killing of Confair.
"I find that Leighton and
Salih could have been present
at and taken part in the killing at and taken part in the kning of Confait and that all three boys could have taken part in setting fire to 27 Doggett Road. I find that the confessions could not have been made as they were unless at least one of the three boys had been involved in the killing of Confait and the co

fait and in the arson at 27 Doggett Road." Doggett Road."

Sir Henry finds that there were the following breaches of the Judges' Rules and Home Office administrative directions: Mr Leighton, Mr Salih were interviewed by police officers without the presence of a parent or guardian or someone who was not a police officer, although it would have been practicable to delay the interviews until their mothers or some other person who was not a police officer could be brought there. When the three boys were taken into custody they were not informed orally of the rights and facilities awailable to them, namely to communicate by telephone with their solicitors or their friends and to consult privately a solicitor, provided that no unreasonable delay or hindrance was reasonably likely to be caused to the processes of investigation or to the administration of justice by their doing so. Nor was their attention drawn to the notice describing the rights and facilities available to them.

During the taking of a written

to them.

During the taking of a written statement from Mr Lattimore, he was prompted, and questions were asked which were not needed

Sir Henry says that some of the Judges' Rules and directions do not seem to be known to police officers and members of the legal profession.

Steps should be taken to see that the rules and directions are known by all police officers and members of the legal profes-

Sir Henry suggests that it should be made a rule of law that no person should be convicted on the evidence of a confession obtained in any of the following circumstances unless that evidence is supported by other evidence not obtained in any of such circumstances:

any of such circumstances:

A confession obtained, in response to questioning by the police, by means of a breach of the Judges' Rules or administrative directions, whether or not the effect of the breach was to make the confession "involuntary".

A confession made by a child or young person in response to questioning by the police without the presence of a persent guardian or other person not a police officer.

A confession made by a mentally handicapped person (whether or not known to be so at the time) in response to questioning by the police without the presence of a parent, guardian or other person not a police officer.

An oral confession made in a police station (whether the maker was in custody or not) of which a tape-recording is not available.

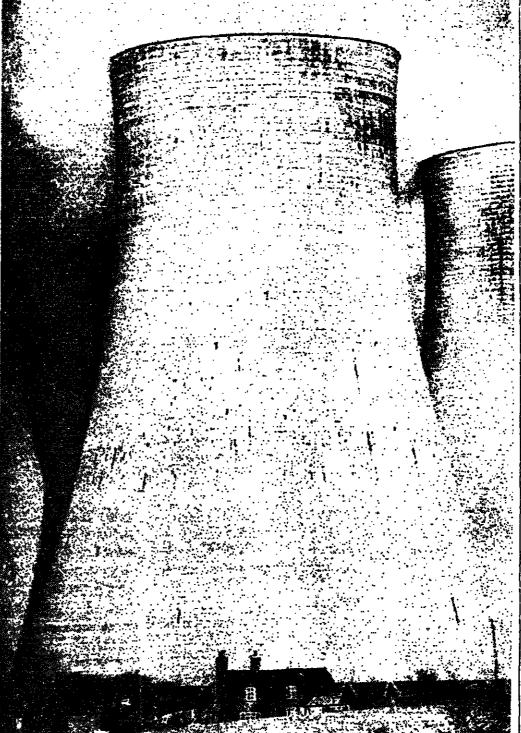
Mr Rees said yesterday that

Mr Rees said yesterday that he and the Attorney General would arrange for Sir Henry's report to be laid before the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure for examination. The

possible implementation of a number of suggestions that did number of suggestions that did not raise matters of basic prin-ciple could be considered by the Government before the com-mission finished its work. Sir Henry says in his report that the general observations he has made should be understood

as referring solely to prosecu-tions conducted by the Director of Public Prosecutions in cases that are to be tried in a Crown

Report of an Inquiry by the Hon Sir Henry Pisher into the Circumstances Leading to the Trial of Three Persons on Charges Arising out of the Death of Maxwell Confeat and the Fire at 27 Doggett Road, London, SE6 (Stationery Office; 53.50).



The face of power at Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Nottinghamshire, where the cooling towers put housing in the shade.

MP who advised boys rejects guilt verdict

By Stewart Tendler
Mr Christopher Price, Labour
MP for Lewishaia, West, who
campaigned for the three boys campaigned for the three boys involved in the Confait case, said last night that, while he welcomed the general conclusions, he rejected Sir Henry Fisher's judgment on the guilt of the three boys.

Sir Henry has decided that Mr Colin Lattimore was involved in arson and that Mr Ronald Leighton and Mr Ahmet Salih were involved in arson the self-three boys intercognitions, particularly in cases involving young people and the mentally ill, some good would have come from the whole business. He hoped, for example, that the use of tape recorders during police interrogations might be hastened as a result of Sir Henry's report and he felt in

and the killing of Mr Maxwell Confait. In the report, Sir Henry says: "On the balance of probabilities, I find that this

what occurred". But Mr Price, whose dogged defence of the boys forced the inquiry, said he completely disagreed with those conclusions. He said he had been allowed to hear the evidence put before Sir Henry, and the latter's deci-

sion did not tally with the evidence he had heard. Mr Price said that he wished in many ways that he had not advised them to take part in the inquiry, which had produced a different verdict from two previous examinations of

the cases against them.

Mr Price said: "Sir Henry is talking about only the balance of probabilities. I know these three boys and I know they are

innocent."

Not all the evidence had been before Sir Henry, Mr Price said. He had dismissed suggestions by psychiatrists from the Tavistock Institute about the way such boys would be affected by being in a police station in such circumstances. station in such circumstances. It was possible in such circumstances to put anything into a boy's head and the boy would spout it out. On the other hand, Mr Price

said he was pleased that the suggestions made by Sir Henry on the question of police inter-

Father opposed

A father's belief that corporal

punishment was "cruel, un-

necessary and detrimental to a

child's development" was no

excuse for his refusal to return

his son, aged 14, to school to

be caned for indiscipline. Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce said in

"Although the father may

regard the grounds of his re-

fusal to send his son back to

school as reasonable, they are

not grounds that entitle a father, under the Education Act,

1944, to keep his child away from school", the judge said.

Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, and Mr Justice Park,

agreed that the father's appeal

against his conviction by magis-

trates at Croydon of failing to

send his son regularly to school between certain dates

last year should be dismissed.

return to the school to be caned. He is now at a school

Mr Charles Lewis defended Maurice Beech Brown, a lorry

where there is no caning.

Correction

The boy will not have to

the High Court yesterday.

to carring

loses appeal

rogations and the Judges' Rules were to be put to the Royal Commission on Criminal Pro-

general that changes were on the way in several areas. The National Council for Civil

Liberties also welcomed the general conclusions of the inquiry, and Miss Patricia Hewitt, its general secretary, said: "It is the most important report on criminal proceedings published this decade."

She said the NCCL welcomed the recommendation that duty solicitors should be appointed to ensure that suspects at police stations have access to legal advice. The council also welcome the recommendation that no conviction should be possible on the basis of an uncorrobor-ated confession obtained in breach of the Judges' Rules or made by a young or mentally handicapped person unaccom-

panied by a parent.
Miss Hewitt said the council regretted that Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, had decided to delay implementation of most of Sir Henry's recommendations until the royal commission had

finished its work. The commission would have to examine the wider implica-tions, such as whether Britain should adopt the French system of investigating magistrates to supervise the initial police inquiries. But the detailed recommendations on the Judges' Rules and the conduct of prosecutions should be implemented immedi-

By a Staff Reporter

Methods of recording the in-

cidence of cancer do not show

up the emergence of new can-

Sir Richard Doll, Regius Pro-fessor of Medicine at Oxford

University, told the Royal Society in London yesterday.

"Any cancer produced by new environmental agents that

was not also produced by other

causes in the past would not appear in the records, as it would not have been coded sep-

If cancer registries were to

monitor the appearance of new diseases, they would need an extremely detailed coding sys-tem, capable of picking out, for

example, liver cancers attrib-

urable to industrial exposure to vinyl chloride. One of 14 cases recorded

since 1960 of angiosarcomas of the liver occurred in a man who

had been a process worker in

PVC manufacture. Another victim had lived within half

Such cases came to light

when suspicions raised by clin-

cians, pathologists and toxicol-

Sir Richard, speaking on long-term hazards from man-made

chemicals in the environment,

a mile of the same factory.

ogists were investigated.

Environmental cancers

that elude detection

Man in the news: Defector driven by intellectual restlessness

Academic with Bench and board-room experience

By Marcel Berlins
The legal establishment has
never completely forgiven Sir
Henry Fisher for having left the
secure and cosseted world of
the judiciary for the brasher
commercial pastures of the

City.

He did so, moreover, at a time when his prospects as a judge looked extremely rosy. He was appointed to the High Court in 1968 at the early age of 49, and there is little doubt that barring accidents, he would have become a judge in the Court of Appeal. He could, in all probability, have achieved even higher judicial eminence. Sir Henry resigned from the Bench in 1970, after only two and a half years' service, and joined the board of Schroder Wagg, the merchant bankers, with whom he stayed until in 1975, he became President of Wolfson College, Oxford, in succession to Sir Isaiah Berlin.

To most of his legal col-To most of his legal col-leagues the defection was in-explicable. Those who knew him better, however, saw it as

him better, however, saw it as consistent with an intellectual restlessness that constantly sought new challenges. His friends say that he left the Bench not so much for the money (although he probably more than doubled his pretax judicial salary) but because he became bored with much of the protting and unstimulating work

became bored with much of the routine and unstimulating work he had to do as a judge.

Before his conversion Sir Henry had had an archetypally brilliant career, destined to take him to the top of his profession. The addest son of lord fession. The eldest son of Lord Fisher of Lambeth the former Archbishop of Canterbury, he was a distinguished classical scholar at Oxford (and later fellow of All Souls) served in the war and was called to the

1931, in middle-aged women by

42 per cent and in middle-aged

Several causes of death, or

rather diagnoses of the causes of death, had become com-

moner, outstanding examples being lung cancer and ischaemic

heart disease. Cancer and heart

disease now caused two thirds of mortality in the middle-aged.

corded in the rate of death

from 16 types of cancer, includ-

ing cancer of the lip, tongue and mouth, mostly because of

improved treatment, more pre-

cise diagnosis or changes in per-sonal behaviour. Only the de-

crease in stomach cancer was

There was an increase, however, in 13 other types. The increases in cancer of the pharnyx and lung in women and

of the ocsophagus in both sexes could be attributed to the

increased consumption of alco-hol and cigarettes; the increase

in breast cancer in women might be due to a reduction in

fertility or an increased con-sumption of meat and fat.

Dr Herbert Cole, former

director of marine research at

totally unexplained.

A decrease had been re-

men by 23 per cent.



Bar in 1947, taking silk in 1960. He participated fully in Bar Fortunately, his involvement

Sir Henry Fisher: Academic

judge, banker.

with the City did not mean a complete break with judicial and legal matters. In 1973 he chaired the committee of inquiry into abuses of the social security system, and he was also on the City committee on company law. His lengthy and detailed report on the Confait case testifies to the amount of work

he put into the inquiry for the better part of the past two years. A barrister who took part in it expressed his sorrow that Sir Henry's judicial talents were no longer available on a ful-time basis, but it is clear that he himself has few regrets about leaving the Bench. The law courts' loss has been to the considerable gain, first, of the City and now, of the world of

Police forces at crisis level

By John Roper Health Services

Correspondent

. Manpower shortages are making the daily job of the police increasingly difficult and dangerous, Mr David McNee, the Metropolitan Police Com-missioner, said yesterday.

The f2m to f3m provided annually for research into arthritis and rheumatism, more

than half by the Artheitis and Rheumatism Council, is foolish penny-pinching. Dr. Colin Barnes, chairman of the coun-

cil's executive committee; says in a booklet. Research provides informa-tion useful for diagnosis and treatment of about two hundred

conditions, but is being done on a very limited budger, he says. The impetus can be main-tained only by providing more

Inflation means that the

council can no longer expand its activities he continues. Apart from the pain and suf-

fering of victims, the diseases result in a loss of 44 million

of rheumatic diseases

Better price | Call to restrict choice of school by parents

From Diana Geddes Education Correspondent Wolverhampton

The right of parents to have their children educated according to their wishes should be restricted, the metropolitan education authorities of Eng-land and Wales decided at their conference, at Wolverhampton,

understanding and disappointment over choice of school. understanding and disappoint. Shortage of books: The ment over choice of school. National Union of Teachers A representative from Hilling urged the Secretary of State don, London, said the law for Education yesterday to take

majority in a blatantly unfair

way.
Connecilor Charles Slater, chairman of Sunderland Education: Committee, said parents choice was often based on rumour, hearsay and political considerations.
Councillor Neil Scrimshaw,

restricted, the metropolitan education authorities of England and Wales decided at their conference, at Wolverhampton, yesterday.

By 22 votes to 11 they voted to call on the Government to amend the Education Act, 1944, so as to avoid parental missing as to avoid parental missing decided at their chairman of Birmingham Education Education Committee, argued that falling school rolls meant that parents could be given greater freedom of choice. Unpopular schools would decline and close while popular schools also procuring a letter authorities of £3,600 to Miss Iane Kelly; and procuring

Tax ruling drives oil divers to quit North Sea

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Library

By Craig Seton The North Sea Divers Action Group yesterday started a campaign to reverse a Treasury decision to end their self-employed status. They say it has drastically cut their income and, because it is driving ex-perienced divers abroad, is slowing oil production.

At a press conference in London it was stated that up to 250 of the 1,400 divers had decided to leave for more lucra-tive work abroad. The ruling that tax must be paid through PAYE might induce 700 more to leave the area when the season resumes in April.

The Treasury said that the were employed by contractors and should have been paying PAYE. They could appeal against the decision.

But Mr Neil Henderson, chairman of the action group, said divers were losing up to half their income, compared with a quarter as self-employed people, from earnings of be-tween £6,000 and £12,000 a year. They had also lost the right to write off against tax the cost of travelling, which might be up to £1,000 a year, clothing, and equipment. The Treasury's decision was an incredible blunder, he said.

"We are not going to black-mail anyone. We have no need to; as free agents supplying our services for a fee the divers have the choice of many fields throughout the world. All are much easier to work in and none involves the unjust financial penalties imposed

Artist faces plot and deceit charges

Tom Keating, aged 60, the artist, and Liquel Evans, an actique dealer, appeared at Wells Street Magistrates Court, London, yesterday on charges relating to the sale of works by Mr Keating as those of earlier and better-known artists. Mr Keating, of Lower Park, Dedham, Essex, faces one charge of conspiracy and three of obtaining £1.125 by deception jointly with Mr Evans, aged 46, and five charges of making false representations.

Mr Evans's address was given as Essex Barbols Suffall. as East Berghoit, Suffolk.

as East Bergnort, Surroya.

The conspiracy charge concerns the false representation of four paintings as the gennine works of Samuel Palmer, and the joint deception counts relate to another "Palmer", a drawing dated 1825 presented as a genuine Constable, and au oil painting dated 1862 as the work of Cornelius Kriechoff.

Miss Jane Kelly; and procuring a further cheque for £4,000. all relating to paintings represen-ted as the work of Samuel butchers are not yet quoting allowed a minority of parents action to remedy shortages of Palmer.

prices a pound for all cuts. to ride roughshod over the school books and equipment. The hearing continues roday.

Losses threaten 'bread factories' of Britain's largest companies

Bakeries face biggest crisis of the 1970s

By Hugh Clayton

Fewar than 80 loaves are being sold where 100 were sold a year ago and many of them are being baked at a loss. The bread companies, one of the most widely derided sections of the food processing industry, face the most serious of their many crises of the 1970s.

display plea

A minister appealed to

butchers yesterday to improve price displays for Christmas. Mr Robert MacLennan, Under-

Mr Robert MacLengan, Under-Secretary of State, Prices and Consumer Protection, pointed out that butchers would have to show prices a pound by March next year and appealed to those who had not yet made

sider making arrangements to

tion have reported that most

over the Christmas period.
Officials at the Department

permanent plans to con-

to butchers

By Our Agricultural

They expect consumption to drop by about a fiftieth every 12 months, but this year it has fallen much more. They attribute much of the extra drop to the September strike by bakery workers in which small indepenworkers in which shall independent bread shops were able to maintain supplies. Bakery workers are voting on further strike action about a wage claim.

Despite the growing popularity of crusty and wholewheat loaves baked behind small shops, the loaf is primarily a grocery sold among other competitive lines in supermarkets. sold are white, sliced, wrapped, and held accursed by many lovers of traditional bread. Most loaves are made in what the industry calls "plant" bakeries, in which the latest technology

Examples of promising pro-

gress include work at the Kennedy Institute of Rheuma-

tology, west London, which, in the past six months, has dis-

covered that crystals in the

joints are a contributory factor

in osteographrosis, one of the

commonest conditions. That challenges the idea that the disease should be labelled de-

generative and an inevitable

in ankylosing spondylitis thereis a "marker" identifying
people liable to get the condition. Armed with that know-

ledge, researchers are trying to find out what initiates the con-dition, the onswer to which

might lead, in the near future,

to prevention.

Arthritis Research: the Way
Ahead (ARC, 3/10 Charing Cross
Road, London, WCZH OHN; 25p).

It has also been learnt that

result of aging.

report about bread last summer: EPlant bakers produce bread in bread factories automated mechanical

Britain has fewer than 50 "plant" baking companies and between 5,000 and 5,500 independent master bakers. But most bread is produced by

But most bread is produced by only three companies.

Ranks Hovis McDougall, which sells Mother's Pride, supplies slightly more than a fifth of the market. Associated British Foods, which makes Sunblest, has a similar share and Spillers, which bakes Wonderloaf, produces about a sixth of British bread. Those three companies therefore pro-duce almost three fifths of the nation's bread and other "plant" bakers produce more than a tenth.

The three are among Britain's largest food processing groups, with interests in animal feeds, with interests in animal reeds, tinned groceries, supermarkets, biscuits and flour. The produce most of the country's flour and make far more money on that than on bread.

They lost money on bread during most of 1974, reached a

BREAD CONSUMPTION (oz/person/week, 1974 1975 1976 1977 29.9 27.9 27.0 26.8 2.3 3.3 3.6 3.7

Brown* *Includes wholemes! and wholewhea! Source: National Food Survey if not all, of 1977. They have

been subjected to more govern-ment intervention in subsidies. investigations and price controls than much of the private sector. Early this year the Govern-ment ended controls on the size of discounts bread companies were allowed to offer super-market chains in the struggle for shares of a shrinking market. Within a week of that, two-thirds of urban supermarkets were selling bread at 3p or more below the legal limit. The United Road Trans-

Supermarket managers deny responsibility for causing losses among bakers. But as super-

outlets. A third of consumer spending on food is now esti-mated to go to six supermarket chains.

Bakers complain that grocers

make a high profit from bread while they make losses. Five years ago a survey showed that wrapped bread and packaged cake accounted for 14 per cent of gross profit, using only 7 per cent of shelf space. The combination of falling

The combination of falling consumption, fierce competition and the inability to recover increased costs suggests that 1978 may see bakery closures on a greater scale than before. Since September, Hawley's of Birmingham, one of the largest "plant" bakeries outside the "big three", has closed.

The rise in home baking and the change to brown bread al-

the change to brown bread, al-though limited, have proved and the street were seeing oread at 3p or more below the legal limit. The United Road Transport Union, which represents van drivers, wants a new discount control to prevent bread companies from pushing one another out of business by selling bread to supermarkets at a large white loaf. The Cambailly Supermarket managers deny though limited, have proved proved proved proved proved proved though limited, have proved prove shoot of the Vegerarian Society of the United Kingdom, com-mented: "Real bread can be-made from home-grown grists."

is used to cut costs and reduce profit of almost ip a loaf in among bakers. But as superproduction time. In the stark 1975 and only a fiftieth of a maret power becomes more condefinition of the Monopolies penny last year. They have centrated "plant" bakers, who as we are always ready to and Mergers Commission in a made losses on bread for most, rely on high sales, have fewer

More cash urged for study | MP presses cases of 85 thalidomide children Immediate action is needed £85m is paid out in social security and £60m in income

mide children still outstanding, Mr Jack Ashley, the Labour MP who campaigned for the original settlement for thalidomide children, said yesterday. He was deeply disturbed to hear that those children, on what is known as the Y list, face adolescence without their cases being settled.

In a letter to Mr Robin Cater, chairman of the Distillers Company, which marketed the ido-mide in Britain; Mr Ashley hasasked for an urgent meeting. He wrote that the Y children,

now in their teens, "face a life-time of poverty unless some-thing is done, and I am writing to urge you to take immediate action". The Y list consists of children whose claims that the damage they suffered was damage through thankiomide are not as strong as those of children on the X list, who have been com-

pensated under the £20m Disto settle the cases of 85 thalido-tiliers settlement.

"The first requirement is for

the youngsters to be fully assessed by a medical panel", Mr Ashley wrote in his letter. "But I hope you will agree that there are cases where the benefit of any doubt should be given to the family.

In many cases medical records might be unavailable or incomplete, but that should not veto payments where there were clear indications that the domage was attributable to rhalido-

I hope that the family will not be forced to go to a court of law, but that a satisfactory settlement can be reached between them and the company."
Mr Ashley is also to put
questions in Parliament to Mr Enough Secretary of Stree for Social Services, asking him to make representation to Distillers about the children.

Prescription fee changes only "a palliative"

A plan to pay small pharmacies more for dispensing National Health Service prescriptions, reducing by a corresponding amount the sum paid to larger businesses, was described yesterday by Mr Robert Worby, chairman of the Pharmaceutical Services Nego tiating Committee, as only # palliative.

He said that the attitude of Mr Ennals Secretary of State for Social Services, towards the underfunding of the pharmscentical service." was -totally unsatisfactory and added that his committee would put the. case for a better arrangement again to Mr Ennals. The "robbing Peter to pay Paul" scheme announced on Monday was intended to help small pharmacies, which close at the rate of 250 a year. The

Government is to comribute

the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, speaking on sea pollution said sewage was more serious than oil polludriver found not guilty at the Central Criminal Court last Wednesday of manalzoguter and lack of care. Mr Nell Demison appeared for the prosecution. working chys a year, costing £420m in lost productivity and £260m in lost wages. Each year said mortality in children had decreased by 90 per cent since

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Farming of

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Farming of sea fish is well on the way to commercial viability, and tests have shown that housewives find it difficult to pick farmed fish from the wild one.

wild ones. The trade and industry sub-

committee of the House of Commons Expenditures Com-

mittee heard that from wit-nesses yesterday when members

turned to marine fish farming

in their investigation of the fishing industry, now entering

its second year.

Mr Norman Kerr, chief technical officer of the White Fish Authority, said the authority was convinced that the farming

of sea fish on a commercial scale was likely to be an economic proposition and desirable

for the country.

It was not economic at present, but a costing exercise showed that it could be conducted at a price less than the sale price of wild cod and similar species. In the past two years properes had been made

similar species. In the past two years progress had been made with sole and turbot.

Mr Tim Cracknell, chairman of the National Farmers Union fish farming committee, said his company. British Oxygen, was increasing its investment in marine species.

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Mr Eric Eiston, chairman of the fish farming committee of the Fisheries Research and

Development Board, agreed with Mr Kerr that a minimum

investment figure for a sea fish farm operation would be about £500,000 to £600,000. "This is

sea fish

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for British Library

By a Staff Reporter Lord Eccles, chairman of the board of the British Library, said yesterday that he hoped for government approval in the coming year to build a new home for the library in Euston-Road, London.

Ministers concerned were convinced of the need, he said, but difficulties were caused by the economy. Nevertheless he believed permission would be given before the end of 1978.

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Detailed plans for the new building, on the site of a disused railway yard, are being prepared. At present the library is hampered by severe shortage of space.

That is emphasized by the annual report, published yesterday. In 1975-77 the reference division acquired two million items, including 105,000 books, as well as music scores, maps, official publications, manuscripts and newspapers.

Among the manuscript acquisitions were significent papers

Among the manuscript acquisitions were significent papers of Lord Liverpool, Sir Robert Peel and Lord Palmerston, and important material relating to George Eliot, George Gissing, George Bernard Shaw and Arnold Bennett George Bernar: Arnold Bennett.

Arnold Bennett.
The number of British requests received by the fending division was 2.5-0,000 kest year, a 7 per cent increase over the previous year, but there was a much greater expansion in the use of the overseas service: 377,000 requests were received from 98 countrier, a 26 per cent increase.

increase.

Dr Keith Barr, executive director of the lending division, said United Kingdom demand was near saturation; most libraries used the service and financial constraints precluded any
great increase in the number
of requests that could be

The overseas service makes a small profit, and the library has been actively promoting it.

The Bridsh Library. Fourth Annual Report 1976-77 (British Library, Press and Public Relations Section. Store Street, London, WC1E 7DG; free). A public inquiry under the Police Act was not justified in the case of Mr Liddle Towers, aged 39, an electrician and amateur boxing coach, who died after alleged police violence, Dr Shirley Summerskill, Under-

Dysentery at school

Sixteen pupils have dysentery at Seacroft Grange Primary School, Leeds, and 42 other cases are being investigated. The school, with 350 pupils, is being closed until after Christ-

Optimism on Early action promised new home on inner city deceron inner-city decay

From Our Correspondent
Birmingham

Early action to breathe life
into the deciying inner areas
of some of Britain's cities was
promised yesterday by Mr Freeson, Minister for Housing and
Construction. He was chairman
at the first of several inner-city
nartnership committee meetings partnership committee meetings in Birmingham, one of seven cities involved in governmentbacked plans to reverse urban decline. Similar meetings have already been held in four other cities.

Mr Freeson said Birmingham had been allocated £2.5m under the urban programme for next year, which would lay the

may become groundwork while the inner-area programme was prepared. Over three years to 1982, £30m had been set aside for the city's profitable

The minister said a range of

interested bodies would be consulted. A policy document would go our from the initial meeting and at the next meeting, in February, he hoped there would be a full discussion on how community involvement. how community involvement could be organized.

Meetings would be kept to the smallest number of people necessary to do the work. necessary to do the work. "There has to be a job of work

£40m EEC scheme for better Irish border links

mprove road and telephone links between Ulster and the north-west of the Irish Republic is outlined in a report published

It recommends a new £14m bridge across the Foyle in Londonderry and an airport near Londonderry to link with

The report has been drawn up by consultants appointed under EEC auspices by the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland governments. Finance for carrying out the proposals will be shared equally by the EEC and the two govern-

Call for inquiry

under Police

Act is rejected

By Our Parliamentary Staff

Secretary, Home Office, said in an adjournment debate in the

Commons yesterday.
Mr Giles Radice, Labour MP

for Chester-le-Stret, said Mr Towers was allegedly assaulted after his arrest on January 15, 1976, in his constituency. He died on February 9, 1976, in hospital.

The study area covered Londonderry and district in Northern Ireland, and the north and east of co Donegal in the republic. The report sug-gests a further programme of road improvements after the

The unemployment level both sides of the border is 17 per cent and there is a high rate of emigration. The report says: "The job of promoting the region to industrialists and tourists had been made unenvi-able and almost impossible.

" It is the entry of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland into the EEC in 1973 that has opened up new oppor-tunities for a coordinated approach to regional planning in north-west Ireland."

Man loses claim to share in ex-mistress's house

father of 12 children, has no legal rights in the £24,000 house he shared with his former mistress for 16 years, Mr Justice Fox decided in the

Mr Juster High Court yesterday. When they built the house at Lakeside, Portway Drive, Croughton, near Brackley, Mr Nightingale agreed that it should be in the name of his mistress, Mrs Denise Nightingale, aged 39, a teacher, the judge said.

Mr Rex Nightingale, aged 62, Sutton, Banbury, said: "I still ather of 12 children, has no love her. I think there is every chance we might get together again if her mother moves away." He said his mistress and her mother, a Jehovah's Wit-ness, had conspired to get him out of the house.

Man dead in flat

Mr Hiddo Mulder, aged 73, was found dead in a flat at Ilford, London, yesterday. A woman aged 65, believed to be could not go back on that, suffering from a drug overdose, ar Nightingale, of Kings was also in the flat.

cussion group at Cleeve House, Seend, to ask: "Why is it

indoctrination which alienat members from their home

families, studies and entire pre-vious way of life?" She went on to say that the conflict between the teaching of the Unification Church and Karen Seid's normal way of life had resulted in her daughter's

had resulted in her daughter's having a severe emotional breakdown. "My daughter was continually under pressure from a girl in the same form at school while studying for A levels before university entrance", she said.

Mrs Jones has a thick file of letters to show how she has bombarded the Home Office, the Charity Commissioners and the local police about the Unification Church.

The Times has evidence from

parents and disaffected mem-bers of the Moon sect that Karen Seid's case is repeated.

with slight variations, over and

Dr James Beckford, who is a lecturer in sociology at Durham University and has made a study of the Moonies and other

study of the Moonies and other fringe religions, wrote in Psychology Today (August, 1976):

"The typical recruit in this country is aged between 18 and 23, has completed at least a sixth-form course, comes from middle or lower-middle class background and has always had a respect for religion.

A respect for religion.

"A few of the earliest recruits here had dabbled in drugtaking and other aspects of the

youth culture. But nowadays it is unlikely that recruits will

have shown any prior inclina-tion to non-comformist

"On the other hand, it is common for young people who are having difficulties with their studies or who are finding it hard to adjust to life away from home for the print time to

be easily caught up in Moon's recruiting net. They often re-spond eagerly to the offers of friendship and food at a family

centre. Their defences may lack the resilience of people

He adds: " ... Members are

virtually forbidden to remain in

touch with their families and

are taught to regard relatives who do try to remove them from the sect as "Satanic". Relations with the families are

usually severed completely.

"The situation is occasionally

persuaded to consign all his or

a clearer sense of self-

over again.

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The Moon cult, 3: Training manual's advice about parents

Men with short hair and well scrubbed faces

course before marriage, Inter-

"brother." within the move-ment is an unforgivable sin.

Men and women in the cult are "married" or blessed by Mr Moon, usually large num-bers of couples at a time and after they have been members of the movement for about three years. The cult teaches: "Husband and wife must feel stronger love towards the Lord (Moon) than between them-

The number seven is symbolic, according to Mr Moon, who is something of a numerologist. "Married couples must abstain from the marriage relationship for at least seven months. There are those in Korea who have been abstain-ing for over seven years and live as sister and brother.

"Those whom God loves just captur continue their married cannot continue their married life. God strikes at their bodies

and they cannor continue."
The teaching of the Unifica-

The teaching of the Unitication Church is a sort of
evangelical cocktail, with an
ingredient of what many would
regard as sheer hunacy.

James Björnstad, in his book,
The Moon is not the Son,
describes it thus: "Start with
a well seasoned Taoist philosophy, add plenty of Christian
words and obrases and even words and phrases and even some Bible verses, and stir briskly until they blend to-

"Now add a bir of spiritism, not too much mysticism, a pinch of numerology, a dab of physics and a dash of anti-communism; mix it all together using a korean Messiah until it blends, and you have the recipe for one of the new religious movements. of the new religious movements, the Unification Church founded by the Rev Sun Myung Moon."

The self-styled Messiah was born to a Presbyterian family in 1920 in the Pungan Buk-do province of what is now North Korea. After the Second World War he became involved in an undergown. underground Pentecostal move-

That group believed Korea was the new Jerusalem of the Eible and risat the Messiah would be born in Korea. Those elements are to be found in Mr. Moon's Devine Principle.

ment of an extreme nature in

Pyong Yang,

Moon teaches that Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden to marry and produce perfect children free of sin. But Eve committed fornication with lucifor causing the spiritual

a man, will return as the Lord of the Second Advent. A new age dawned in 1960,

die year that Mr Moon married. his new wife. The Lord of the members of the church, Second Advent and his new wife Mrs. Alison Farrow, of Tedbecame the true parents of burn St Mary, Devon, has a Second Advent and his new wife became the true parents of mankind. It is that teaching above all that makes this religious cocktail so explosive. Parents who attack the Unification Church are called "Satante". The top secret 120-day training manual instructs members to have contact with purents "before they start to investigate the UC", so that they "feel peaceful and joy
Mrs. Alison Farrow, of Tedburn St Mary, Devon, has a son, Nicholas, aged 22, who has travelled widely with the Moonies. He was in Plymouth when he met members of the sect and relephoned his mother to say he had found "a fantastic Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

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Members of the Moon cult necessity to investigate the are forbidden sexual inter-church because they are so

parents to your tidy centre. . . . Maybe singing sons smiling can create a warm atmosphere."

The training manual has explicit instructions on how to react when a mother cries.
"When he called his mother she cried. He came back to the centre and said I cannot move

in. He could not deny the Messiah, but he could not move in because of his parents.

"I waited for a while until he became calm and I talked this way. 'Let us think what is true love. What is true love towards parents to move in or quit Uniparents, to move in or quit Unification Church. If you quit the UC and resume school, then your parents will be happy. But h: w long can they be happy?

"If it is true that the Messian is here and that his mission will surely be successful, then in surely be successful, then in several years the UC movement will cover America and all over the world. Sconer or later your parents will understand what the UC is. Then how will they feel if they stopped you from joining? They will regret it." Members who go pioneer witnessing are recommended to use Holy Salt to separate them from Satan. "We sanctify or Holy

Satan. "We sanctify or Holy Salt the new room, the new house, food, clothing, cars, bicycles, everything so we can offer them before God." Then follow explicit instruc-tions for making salt holy, with

the direction that plain salt is better than iodized. Members are also taught that " heavenly allowed. deception "

the Moon cult, which I wimes-sed when I went to Cleeve House, Seend, near Devices, one of the Unification Church's residential centres, I went as an uninvited guest, posing as a friend of Mrs Diana Jones, of Okehampton, Devon, who has been campaigning for four years to get her daughter, Karen Seid, away from the cuit The atmosphere at Cleeve House is like that of a hearty boarding school. The meals, thin slices of pork pie, rissoles and Camp Coffee, added to the

Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden to marry and produce perfect children free of sin. But Eve committed fornication with Lucifer, causing the spiritual fall of mankind.

Whereas Christianity teaches that Jesus will return to Earth, Moon teaches that a Messiah, a man, will return as the lord. of good will and sincerity. There are sougs with guitar accompaniment before meals. I met two mothers who were con-

tent to have their children



Mr Moon: Love towards the

two years (when he was in Europe singing with the UC choir) but he still has his sense of humour. Being dedicated does not seem to have knocked it out of him. I wrote to him wherever he was."

wherever he was."

Mrs Mary Barlow, of Streatham, London, had two children who are members of the Unification Church and have married within it. They are Richard, aged 30, and Nicola, aged 23. aged 23.
She says: "They all work for

everyone. They are working for a small seed and a small start. It is sacrificial. What they earn they out back into things they can all share, which is what the world does not do. The church is small here, and new. The members are keen to create centres hospitals. and eventually

"I do not think they are brainwashed. They leave for different reasons. Some join idealitically and then get bored. "Nor are the members pressurized. Some people feel their children should be headed for a profession, but parents should not stand in the way of

should not stand in the way of what their children want."

Mr and Mrs Rees, of Oxford, have a daughter, Veronica, aged 26, who is a Moonie. Mrs Rees said: "My fears are rather nameless. You get this feeling of unease. The members think they are working for God, but I think they are slaves.

"In the beginning we were terribly upset and ill. We were not allowed in the centres. Gradually I have built up their confidence, but they are wary

Mrs Diana Jones, however, has seen only the dark side of the Moon sect. Her daughter. the Moon sect. Her daughter, Karen Seid, now 21, was still at school when a Moon member persuaded her to join the church. Some families have lost both persons and property to the Unification Church."

Lawyers for Mr Dennis Orme, on the Unification Church, or leader of the Unification Church Moon cult.

Counsel for Mr Orme decided

in Britain and director of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

a British-registered tharity, attempted in the High Court yesterday to prevent The Times from publishing the third of its articles

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Royal Mail

From David Wood

Strasbourg, Dec 13
Asserting its co-equal power over the EEC budget for 1978, the European Parhament today threatened to precipitate a politica lcrisis on Thursday by refusing to accept budget cuts, particularly in the regional

Both the regional committee and the budget committee of he Parliament have taken a tand agaoinst the cuts. There ire to be discussions between parliamentarians and the Council of Ministers in the hope that a compromise can be iound.

If the Parliament were to eject the budget, the 1977 udget would apply in 1978, nd one twelfth of the total am would be paid out month by mooth during the year. That has never happened before

British MPs and Mr Tugenduat, the British Commissioner for the Budget, are the leading figures in the dispute. Mr Tugendhat, in his first year as a commissioner, enlisted Par-iament's support to resist cuts by the Council of Ministers earlier in the year, but he is now urging caution.

The regional committee, led by Mr John Evans, Labour MP for Newton, voted unanimously to resist the Council cuts. The budget committee, with Mr Michael Shaw, Conservative MP for Scarborough, as rap-porteur, overwhelmingly supported the regional committee mainly because the Council was thought to be too patroniz-ing in its dealings with Parlia-

Council, Eyskens, its Belgian president, said that if the cuts were not accepted by Parliament there was a risk of a serious conflict. No budget would be approved before 1978 began, and all Community policies, in the year of direct elections, would become impossible, damaging the credibility of both Council and parliament. and parliament.

Mr Tugendhat, urging a compromise in the next two days, said that budget processes had reached a stage where politics took over from economics.

The episode indicates a growing spirit of political militancy within the Parliament, but a compromise looks probable. Parliamentary report, page 8.

Madrid bomb in protest at Tenerife death From Harry Debelius Madrid, Dec 13

The Anglo-Norwegian com-pany Townsead Thoresen agreed today after a round of talks with the unions, not to send any more ships into Le Havre while the strike con-tinued. Their ferry Viking IV was unable to unload at the Canary Islands separatists ex-ploded a bomb in Madrid today as demonstrators took to the streets in protest against the death of a student shot when police opened fire yesterday disturbances was unable to intodu at the port today because the ramp was occupied by pickets and, unlike yesterday, the police were not used to clear a way island of Tenerife.

Riot police units arrived in the Canary Islands today to re-inforce detachments of the security police and the civil guard. In Santa Cruz, the board.

Meanwhile, the strikers at Calais agreed to go back to work during the afternoon even though Boulogne, which is served only by British ships, was still blocked. It, like all the other ports except Dunkirk, is now expected to be working normally in the morning.

guard. In Santa Cruz, the island's capital, and other towns island's capital, and other towns in Tenerife police guarded government offices, newspapers and other key points.

During the tense night that followed the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that is the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that is the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the student's death, attackers fired from a car at a straight that the straigh civil guard patrol car and a post near Santa Cruz.

The victim was Javier Fern-indez Quesada, a psychology student who was 22. His parents arrived in Tenerife today and were expected to accompany

were expected to accompany their son's body home to Las Palmas on the neighbouring island of Gran Canaria.

The Madrid bomb caused damage at a travel agency. According to the police only one of the seven sticks of explosives it contained went off. In telephone calls to newspapers and news agencies the movement for the Autonomy and Independence of the Canary Islands claimed respon-Canary Islands claimed respon-sibility. The caller identified himself as Antonio Cubillo, the movement's leader.

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Entente at the joint press conference: Mr Callaghan and M Giscard d'Estaing flanked by Mr Healey and M Barre.

portance to the recipients.

dered whether the Communist Party was not the victim of a "resurgence of Stalinist spirit".

It wanted to obtain so much that it would have nothing in

Not to be outdone, M Georges Marchais, the Communist leader, said that M Mitterrand

had lost his selfcontrol. "This is frequent with him on the eve

of decisive events." There was

only one key to victory at the polls, that held by the people. What the Socialist Party proposed was not a socialist society,

but social democratic crisis management at the expense of the workers, and for the benefit

"It is Georges Marchais who

M Roland Leroy, the editor

lacks self control", M Mitter-

organ, L'Humanité, and secre-tary of the central committee of the Communist Party, said today

that "not only can contacts be resumed immediately with the

Socialist Party, but an agree-ment can be concluded at any

moment. It need only return to its undertakings of 1972, and consequently accept the updating of the common pro-

But the truest word came from M Etienne Fajon, the veteran Communist leader. "Union is not an idyll but a

struggle", he wrote in the weekly Caltiers du Com-munisme.

anics as Joseph Donaghy and Stephen Darnell.—Reuter.

William Chislett writes from

Madrid: The authorities had been notified that Mr Williams was missing when he failed to make contact with Burgos after taking off from Cuatro Vientos,

The helicopter search was hampered by poor visibility and

snow.
American Air Force aircraft

from West Germany searched the northern coastline while the Spanish authorities concen-

trated on the provinces of Burgos, Avila and Segovia. The Heinkel belonged to the Spanish Air Force and was be-

lieved to have been one of those given to General Franco

by Hitler during the civil war. Mr Williams was to have flown it to Hurn near Bownemouth

for inclusion in a museum.

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rand retorted.

Bonn defence adviser suspended in spy inquiry | 'Du' judged

From Patricia Clough Bonn, Dec 13

Herr Georg Leber, the West German Defence Minister, opened disciplinary investiga-tions against one of his chief advisers today as a result of the disclosure that vital military secrets had been passed, allegedly by ministry employees, to East Germany.

The adviser, Dr Herbert Laabs, head of the ministry's personnel and welfare department, requested the investiga-tion himself. He has been suspended while it is carried out.

The contents of more than 1,000 top secret documents are believed to have been betrayed, including full details about the state and structure of the West German armed forces, their standby and crisis plans, and their own knowledge about the Warsaw Pact forces. The docu-ments also included important

Dr Laabs's former secretary, Frau Renate Lutze, was alleg-

Ferry strike

at Dunkirk

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 13

Faris, Dec 13

French seamen at Dunkirk have decided to extend their two-day strike, which was due to end today, for a further 12 hours in protest at the fact that police were used to clear the gangways for ships at Le Havre and Calais yesterday.

The strike to draw attention

The strike, to draw attention to the threat to jobs of French seamen on the cross-Channel routes, has closed all the ports being used by ferries from Britain.

for the lorries and cars on

Eiffel Tower to

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 13

The Eiffel Tower is to be lit

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lights altogether more than six miles long.

miles long.
At the top will be a huge star made up of 200 flashing lights, and 20ft high illuminated letters will wish Pari-

sians a merry Christmas.

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services. 3 Scottish Region – reduced weekday service :
Other Regions – normal services.

Other Regions - Sunday service, but no Anglo-Scottish

Other Regions -weekday service with reduced peak hour

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edly the main figure in the ring. predecessor's time and was She is said to have had the key caught during his own.
to Dr Laabs's safe and to have The minister said that the known the combination of the ministry strongroom where top secret documents were kept. She allegedly had the documents photocopied on ministry

Frau Lutze, her husband, Herr Lothar-Erwin Lutze and Herr Jurgen Wiegel, also ministry employees, were arrested 18 months ago. They are expected to go on trial next year.

Many questions have been raised in the press about how

such serious espionage could have gone on in Dr Laabs's office. Why, commentators wanted to know, does the personnel chief need to have top military and extratoric secret military and strategic secrets and for what reason should his secretary, although cleared by security, have access to them? Herr Leber made it clear at a press conference today that

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, Dec 13

M François Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, said on television today that if the left won the election in March, it

won the election in March, it had a duty to govern.
"If other parties refuse to do so", he added, in an allusion to the Communists, "the Socialist Party will shoulder its responsibilities. It means to govern within the framework of the Union of the Left, to apply the Common programme.

apply the common programme. The party that would not wish to do so would deceive the

He would not compromise with the right. If the left did not win, the Socialist Party would "continue to be a great opposition party, the greatest

opposition party".
At a public meeting at Saint-

Reienc in Brittany last night

he said: "Naturally one can wait until 1983. But in what state shall we be next time?

Only those who do not suffer can speak in this way, those

who prefer to serve this or that faction, this or that party.

The Socialist Party refuses in advance to serve its own interests. It is ready to place them at the disposal of the whole left. He who will divide it will destroy himself."

The server continued to rise

Tempers continue to rise between Socialists and Com-

nunists, and the controversy on policy is turning to invec-tive. At a press conference last weekend, M Mitterrand won-

Williams, the former world and

British aerobatic champion, his

wife and two mechanics died

when the Second World War

German Heinkel bomber he was flying to Britain crashed near heer last Sunday, officials said

The Air Search and Rescue Centre said the wreckage of the bomber, bound for a British museum, was found today on a mountainside near the monastery town of El Escoiral, about 38 miles north-west of Madrid. A rescue party of civil guards which reached the scene soon after the charred wreckage was spotted reported finding no survivors.

ing no survivors.

Mr Williams, who was 44, and a former RAF test pilot, was British aerobatic champion 10

times and world champion once. He retired from the RAF a few years ago. The Transport Mini-

1977 Beaujolais

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British pilot died in crash

Madrid, Dec 13 .- Mr Neil stry identified the two mech

oday. a small airport west of Madrid, The Air Search and Rescue at about 9 am on Sunday.

of wartime aircraft

voters."

he did not propose to resign over the affair. He said Frau Lutze was taken on during his consequences " from the

French left's leaders

exchange invective

mittee tomorrow and the Bun-destag (Lower House) will also publication of the secret report on the spy ring's activities by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung yesterday was "a second case of treason" which was as serious as that of the debate the issue briefly then.
Dr Manfred Wörner, the committee's Christian Democrat
(opposition) chairman, claimed

he minister had committed a 'severe affront to Parliament' by speaking about the affair to the press first. Herr Leber's way of doing this was "not to be tolerated". spies. The fact that the minis-try was aware of what secrets had been passed on was of im-

Flexing their political muscles He said he had opened infor tomorrow's fray, opposition spokesmen accused Herr Leber vestigations to discover who had passed the report, which was classified as secret, to the newsof trying to play down serious espionage and said they would be pitiless towards the minister in their demands for a compaper. Herr Leber said that Nato had been told about the ring's activities in July of last year soon after the trio was arrested. plete explanation.

Herr Leber was also accused Nato was not happy about such things, but he said that spy cases were part of the daily work in defence matters. Nato's of having deliberately kept the magnitude of the case secret when the three were arrested in 1976 so as not to spoil his Social Democrat strategy had not been changed, but the alliance had "drawn party's chances in the general election that year. His silence was a "huge piece of electoral fraud", one spokesman said.

Nine all at sea over butter ships

From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Dec 13 EEC agriculture ministers today sanctioned the continuation of a remarkable loophole in Community regulations whereby several million West Germans have been getting butter at a third of the normal price by taking boat trips from Palvis poorts.

The pleasure steamers so out beyond the three-mile limit, at which point EEC butter can be "exported" to the passengers "exported" to the passengers with the aid of the special subsidies used to bring the price of Community food exports down to the generally lower world level.

The ministers ruled that the

loophole can continue at least until the end of 1979, although the amount of butter a passenger can purchase has been reduced to one kilo (2.2lb) a trip, from up to five kilos In principle, there is no reason why similar cut price deals should not be operated out of British ports, but Mr John Silkin, the Minister for Agriculture, said that he did not think it would be economically attractive at the moment mically attractive at the moment | be reduced to nil.

Heubusch a piece of her mind one day last year when he asked her to move her stand. In the colourful exchange which

Admonished that she should refer to him as "Herr Heubusch" and "Sie" Frau Herbst retorted: "I call the Lord God Du and I will go on calling you Du as long as I

the policeman reported Frau Herbst for "defamation of an official". And in the same spirit a court sentenced her last year to a DM2,250 (£550) fine. An appeal court upheld the sentenced tence.
Frau Herbst was somewhat mollified today, however, when

yet another court, ordered by the Bayarian High Court to review the proceedings, came round partly to her point of view.
To insist on calling Police
Officer Heubusch Du even after
being warned was without doubt was over. These were the moves of the game:

an insult, it said, but on the other hand Du was the common form of address in the picturesque language of market women such as Frau Herbst. And the policeman was not entirely without blame, it added. He had seen fit to warn Frau Herbst that if she did not watch

Shortcomings in BAOR

Continued from page 1

ability.

Armoured personnel carriers: The present APC FV432, was designed for the 1950s but the thousand vehicles still in service require ever increasing maintenance and refitting, thus reducing availability. At least one infantry bettailon that should be mechanized in those vehicles has to travel in improtected trucks and the Rhine Army is short of almost a quarter of its planted truck replacements. Moreover, the FV432's replacement, called MICV, will have no amphibious capability Comment: A contract for a proto-

Comment: A contract for a proto-type MICV has just been awarded. No decision has been taken about whether it should be amphiblous but senior officers say river-cross-ing by APCs is soldom required. Ammunition: Front-line ammuni-tion is so scarce that officers be-lient that the standard have the more

dence that more could be transported from Britain even if it could be produced in time.

Comment: The allegation is groundless since, although ammunition supplies remain secret, it is understood that they exist for at least 30 days.

Transport: If has been reduced in line with the reduction in ammunition. Tank crews have been told that they will have to rely on one bomb load and the present supply vehicle, the five-ton Stalwart, is

homb load and the present supply vehicle, the five-ton Stalwart, is allocated at the rate of only two to an 18-tank squadron, although its capacity is half that necessary to keep the squadron "bombed up". The Stalwart is soon to be replaced with a smaller vehicle. Comment: That is only half the story, since, although tank squadrons will only have two Stalwarts, each armoured regiment will be supported by a squadron of Stalwarts operated by the Royal Corps of Transport.

warts operated by the Royal Corps of Transport.
Radios: The Army has been told that it will receive the new Clausmen range of radios; but not until the mid-1980s, since all those being built are being exported to the Middle East and Africa.
Comment: The Clausmen is a whole grid system of communication and is not being installed all at once, since modifications become necessary as it evolves. The

come necessary as it evolves. The authorities want to be certain that only the latest modification is installed.

Frau Gunda Herbst, the intrepid stallholder from Nuremberg's fruit and vegetable market, has won a partial vic-tory in her running battle to convince the courts that there was nothing wrong in addressing a policeman with the familiar Frau Herbst, a sturdy 44, has

offensive in

From Our Own Correspondent

a market

become a national figure since she gave Police Officer Emil

followed she addressed him as Du instead of Sie as required for polite conversation between

Showing a greater feeling for the law than a sense of humour,

weapons 'harm morale'

trouble is no secret but it has been completely revised and squadrons are receiving replacements all the time. In one exercise with modified tanks there was only a 2 per cent failure rate. During this year's exercise they had only 7/12ths the expected engine failures. However, modification has caused a big turnover of engines, which has obviously affected spares availability.

tieve they would have no more than three days' supply once hos-tilities start. Yet there is no evi-

EEC acts to protect songbirds

above average From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Dec 13

The 1977 Beaujolais was un-veiled in Paris last night—a mediocre youngster by compari-son with its 1976 brother, but selling at prices 10 to 12 per cent higher.

This year's vintage, according to the growers, has been saved from disaster by a warm and sunny autumn. The total harman and the control of t sunny autumn. The total harvest will produce about 120 million bottles with quality perhaps slightly above average. The 47.5 gallon barrels of the ordinary Beaujolais were sold for £155 each, Beaujolais villages cost £166 and the crusstarted at £287 a barrel. A bottle of Reaujolais villages will sell for £155 each, Beaujolais villages cost £166 and the crus started at £287 a barrel. A bottle of Beaujolais villages will sell for about £1.10 in France, slightly above the price paid last year, even though the wine is of a poorer quality than last year.

Final agreement has still to be reached on a list of birds which can be kept live for sale, but it is hoped that this can be settled at the level of officials without waiting for another meeting of environment ministers. Those meetings take place only about twice a year.

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Dec 13

Common rules for the protection of the EEC's threatened bird population have been agreed in principle by environment ministers of the Nine, although some small differences

of view remain. Working on a proposal from the European Commission, the maisters last night agreed to take special measures to protect the habitat of species threatened. with extinction or seriously declining in numbers, to restrict the shooting of birds for sport and to prohibit a long list of catching hunting and techniques.

Final agreement has still to

One effect of the directive, nets, traps and electrifying once it is adopted, would be to devices.

reduce from 120 to about 70 A breakthrough in last night's the number of species that can

discussions came when the Italians agreed to include pro-pets, sparrows, larks and a small number of other song birds among the species which cannot be shot for sport. Of these, only 20 could be hunted anywhere in the Community; hunting of the rest would be restricted to certain countries. be shot for sport. Hunting is big business in Italy, where £70m was spent last year on 1,200m shotgun cartridges. Excluded from the ban on hunting would be such species as geese, Pheasant, partridge, grouse and woodpigeon, which are generally recognized throughout the Community as game birds. Killing of magnes,

ontrium cartridges.

Other countries, among them Britain, argued that to allow hunting of these small song birds would mean in effect a licence to shoot anything smaller than a thrush, since at a distance it would be impossible to tell one bird from another.

The Commission submitted its sparrows, rooks, starlings and other birds regarded as pests would also be permitted provided they were not totally exterminated.

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The Commission submitted its proposals about a year ago on the basis of a stientific study which showed that some 60 of the 400 or so species of wild birds in the Community are threatened with extinction, and a further 220 declining in morbers in some cases very Among the methods of bird hunting and capture that would be prohibted are: snares, limes, the use of mutilated live birds

tary of State, failed to enlist making its voice neard.

Syrian support for the current. The ultra-orthodox lews of Syrian support for the current Neturei Karta are known for Middle East peace moves during a lengthy meeting with President Assad here rought.
An official Syrian statement said President Assad had firmly their postility to the Jewish

Middle East to pass without

OVERSEAS____

Damascus, Dec 13.—Mr Cyrus Vance, the United States Secre-

Vance that the Egyptian leader's policy had wrecked all

After almost three hours of

our further ado into the city.— Reuter and UPL Our Special .. Correspondent

writes from Jerusalem: It was

not to be expected that the anti-Zionist Jewish sect, Neturei Karta, would allow the latest

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state, which they regard as a blasphemy because in their view the land of Israel is to be rejected any involvement in President Sadat's peace initiareturned to the Jews only by God ecting through the Messiah.
They have pur forward a sixrive with Israel and the Cairo conference which begins to-morrow. Mr Assed told Mr

point peace plan which calls for the creation of a "national government" composed of government composed of three lews, three Arabs and three United Nations appointees who will be neither efforts towards reaching a comprehensive settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Syria will continue to work with other Arab countries to Jews nor Arabs." This govern-ment would apparently rule confront the dangerious situation created by Mr Sadat's and administered by the present and administered by the present state of Israel." Since Jews state of Israel." Since Jews and Arabs would then "Ive side by side in peace", the plan After almost three hours in talks with President Assad, Mr Vance told reporters they had exchanged their respective points of view and had agreed to confer again whenever necesside by side in peace." the plan foresces no need for any division of territory between them. "Neighbouring countries may seek to establish a confederation of Middle East states, or simply to join our country." The possession of firearms in the new state would be

sary.
In those talks Mr Vance sought to reassure Syria that American backing for the Cairo in the new state would be stdictly controlled, and any conference did not mean it had abandoned the search for a potential flashpoints for Jewish-Arab conflict policed by comprehensive Middle East seta UN-appointed force.
UN aid: The General Assembly Syrian capital, Mr Vance told reporters that "the United States is firmly committed to voted in New York today to extend financial aid to Pales. a just, durable and comprehen-sive settlement". East and demanded that Israel

allow observers into the terri-He was given a perfunctory greeting by Mr Abdul Halim Khaddam, the Syrian Foreign Minister, and then drived withtories it has occupied for 10 Israel voted against key portions of a series of resolutions on the Palestinian refugee issues, and the United States voted against the call for United Nations observers. But all the resolutions passed by overwhelming margins.—UPI. Relying on America, page 14

Round-up of 'spies' in Thai camp

COSTS GAME

Belgrade, Dec 13.—A blunder by Boris Spassky cost him the eighth game in his chess match against Viktor Korchnoi tonight Nong Khai, Thailand, Dec 13. Hundreds of Thai police and right-wing activists raided a United Nations refugee camp here early today and arrested and he is now losing 2—6 in the 20-game contest to decide who will challenge Anatoly here early today and arrested 49 Laotians whom they accused of being communist spies.

The raid and arrests, led personally by Mr Chamman Pochana, the Governor of Mong Khai province, came as Thailand's relations with the communist states of Indo-China were becoming much friendlier.

Even as the arrests of suspected communist spies were Karpov, the world champion, Spassky, who had the advantage at the adjournment, drew gasps of dismay from the crowd with his fifty-first move. Fifteen moves later the game

pected communist spies were continuing a high-level Vict-namese delegation arrived in Nong Khai from Laos on their way to reopen the Vietnamese Embassy in Bungkok, closed since the fall of South Vietnam in 1975.

Only last Tuesday Thailand and Laos signed a civil aviation agreement opening direct flights between their capitals and discussed an exchange of ambassadors.

The arrests in the refugee camp began at 3 am when 300 police and para-military border guards, backed by dozens of rightist village scours, pomed into the camp to inspect the papers of each of the 20,900 refugees.—UPI.

Banking and Finance in Latin America

The two maps published in vesterday's Special Report on Banking and Finance in Latin America were provided by Ruromoney. Mr Nigel Bance, who wrote one of the articles in the report, is on the staff of Euromoney.

Correction

A report from Geneva on Monday (December 12) stated that development aid debts, owed by the 45 poorest Third World states totalled about \$280,000m. The correct figure is \$20,000m.

Concorde within New York noise limits, experts find From David Cross

Washington, Dec 13

Concorde was considerably quieter during its first nine days of landings and take-offs at Kennedy acroort, in New York, than it has been at Dulles airport, outside Washington, the American Transportation Department said today.

The department disclosed that Our Air Correspondent writes:

103 complaints about Concorde Officials at the British High were received from members of Commission in Kuala Lumpur he public in the New York area

The Federal Aviation Admin
The Federal Aviation Admin-103 complaints about Concorde were received from members of the public in the New York area.

The Federal Aviation Admin-The Federal Aviation Administration, which is monitoring the environmental impact of Concorde, found the effective perceived noise level at Howard Beach, the closest monitoring point to most of the take-offs, averaged 96.7 decibels, compared with an average of 119.4 Government officials tomorrow in an attempt to persuade them to lift the ban on flights by Concorde through Malaysia's airspace to Singapore. If agreement with the Malaysia averaged 96.7 decibels, compared with an average of 119.4 probably he cancelled.

decibels at Dulles during Con-corde's 12-month trial there. On approaches to Kennedy the noise level averaged 96.6 decibels, as against 116.5 at Dulles. The landings and take-offs during November were all comfortably within the limit of 105 decibels set by the local authorities authorities.

West Germans said to be testing missiles in Zaire

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Dec 13

West Germany is secretly testing Cruise and intermediate range ballistic missles over a 100,000 square mile area of south-eastern Zaire, according to extracts from an article due to be published in Penthouse magazine next March.

o be pure magazine next March.

The author, Mr Tad Szulc, a usually reliable American diplomatic correspondent is the testing programme is disregard of disregard of disregard of disregard of disregard over the Shaba pro-

spokesman denied any involve-ment by his organization. According to Mr Sailc, the testing is being directed by the Orbital Launch and Rocket Cor-poration, which he describes as a "mysteriously tracexempt company based near Frank-furt" which may be receiving as much as \$300m (£170m) worth of financial support from the West German: military

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Rhodesian settlement talks reach a critical stage today

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Settlement talks between the Rhodesian Government and bree internally based nationalist movements are expected to reach a cruical stage romorrow when the four parties meet for their fourth round of discussions in the present series.
Sources close to the confer-

mce said that tomorrow's meeting could determine websher sufficient extrement had been reached for the conference to be dissolved into separate committees to discuss points of detail, or whether the talks were going to stall on the talks were going to stall on the government's insistence on a blocking third" in a future national assembly.

According to these sources, Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, is demanding that whites should hold 43 out of the 127 seats in a new national assembly elected on the basis of one man, one vote. He is also insisting that elec-tions should be based on separare black and white voters rolls.
The remaining 84 seats in the
assembly would be held by
blacks elected by an exclusively

black electorate.

Two of the nationalist groups taking part—the United African National Council (UANC) led by Rishop Abel Muzorewa and the African National Council (Simbole) headed by the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole—are unhappy about the racial basis for such a blocking mechanism. A leading member of the UANC delegation at the talks said today that Mr Smith was laving lack electorate day that Mr Smith was laying down a principle which was "totally unacceptable

"totally inacceptable Government sources, however, insist that Mr Smith cannot give way on his demand for a "blocking third" if he is to gain the approval of the white electorate for any settlement achieved as a result of the

present negotiations.
"It is the only genuine safeguard we can hope for," the source said. "Any other written guarantees can be torn up the holding o immediately after independence vote elections. as happened in other African

optimistic that the "blocking third" issue will not prove insurmountable. If this issue

Kenya police

Mr Odinga

From Our Correspondent

Nairobi, Dec 13
Mr Oginga Odinga, who was
VicePresident of Kenya from
1964 to 1966, and who was
detained from 1969 to 1971

after his short-lived opposition

party had been banned, was

today after being held since Sourday night.

of a welfare society of his Luo tribe, with 17 other Kenyans, all of whom were subsequently released. Mr Odinga said today he had been told he was still under investigation on an

allegation of uttering threats to kill, amounting to a breach of the peace.
It was the second time

earther this year that he was returning to the political areas, and would run for office

in the ruling Kenya African National Union. The party elec-

tions were subsequently post-

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He was arrested at a meeting

release

then agreement should be rela-tively easy on most of the

other constitutional safeguards being sought by the whites, except perhaps the question of armed forces. According to a nationalist source the Rhodesian Government has put forward a list of eight constitutional safeguards

for approval by the nationalists. Four have been agreed. Differences of opinion have been expressed on another three but these are likely to be resolved tomorrow. Only on the eighth, the "blocking thard", is there open disagreement.
The safeguards include a
Bill of Rights, an independent
judiciary, career safeguards for

civil servants and members of the armed forces, guarantees on pensions and a limited right m dual citizenshio.

on pensions and a limited right to dual citizenship.

At the moment, matters relating to the role of the security forces have been restricted to the question of career safeguards for white regular soldiers. Controversial questions such as the dis-bandment of certain units or the inclusion of guerrillas in the existing forces have not

According to nationalist sources, if broad agreement is reached this week a number of committees will be set up to discuss detailed aspects of the constitutional proposals. One committee has already been formed and met today to discuss whether the voting age should be set at 18 or 21. Bishop Muzorewa and Mr Sithole both support an age limit of 18. Mr Smith is open minded, but Chief Chirau, head of the Zimbabwe United People's Organization (Zupo) wants the age limit to be 21.

Once the committees have completed their work a draft constitution would be drawn up. This would then be presented for approval to the existing electorate either through a referendum or a general elec-tion. The next stage would be the holding of one-man, one-

The Rhodesian authorities hope that Britain and the

UN call for mandatory oil embargo on S Africa

By David Spanie. Diplomatic Correspondent

After hearing new evidence that the South African subsidiaries of the five western oil companies accused of sanctions breaking in Rhodesia Mobil, Caltex, Total, Shell, and BPare still supplying oil to Rhodesia, the Fourth Commit-tee of the United Nations General Assembly has decided to call for a mandatory embargo against South Africa.

The vote, taken on Monday night, was 112-0 with 10 abstentions, including the five Western members of the Security Council. The resolution now oes to the General Assembly.
According to confidential inormation recently given to the United Nations committee, much of the oil is being transported by the oil companies' subsidiaries, either directly or through intermediary companies, to a storage depot at Messina, 10 miles south of the Rhodesian - South African

border.

It is then sent across the
Beit Bridge border point into Rhodesia by road and rail by all five of the South African

The information comes from a report to the Fourth Commit-tee made by the Haslemere Group, a study group in Lon-don, which has provided most of the material available on

Rhodesian oil supplies.
The five Western oil companies in South Africa, the Haslemere report adds, cooperate extremely closely. On the last Thursday o feach month they come together in what is known as the "industry meet-ing", at which matters dis-cussed include the sale of oil to Rhodesia. The meetings are chaired by the South African subsidiary of British Petroleum.

The British Government has viewed the alleged sanction breaking on oil with concern,

but has up to now taken a fairly cautious attitude The oil companies themselves have maintained that their subsidiaries in South Africa are not under their control, but subject to South African law. South Africa, of course, does

Conference sources remain United States would be pre-primistic that the "blocking pared to send observers to en-bird" issue will not prove sure that such elections were asurmountable. If this issue freely and fairly undertaken. Rhodesia.

OAU tries to mediate in

here.
Welcoming delegations from Welcoming delegations from 11 African nations before the meeting bega nunder the chairmanship of Mr Abdulal Centeh, the Sierra Leone Foreign Minister, Mr Stevens called on President Nimeiry of Sudan and Lieurenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Markim, chairman of Ethiopia's ruling military council, to avoid recourse to "the distracting influences of external forces" in settling their dispute.

within a week that police had broken up a meeting in Nairobi addressed by Mr Odinga Mr Odinga announced dispute.

The OAU had been criticized and not without reason" for its inability or unwillingness to dispense "evenlanded justice", Mr Stevens said. "These critiner Stevens said. These criti-cisms are again going to be tested or confirmed by the out-come of your deliberations here".

Mr Peter Onu, the OAU complaint that Ethiopia has given sanctuary to subversive implicated in attempted coup against President Nimeiry in 1976.

total of 26 Somali insurgents fighting to reclaim territory from Ethiopia were killed and more than 100 wounded in recent security operations in Ethiopia's eastern province of Harrarghe, it was reported here today.—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

Sudan-Ethiopia dispute Freetown, Dec 13.-President

Stevens of Sierra Leone appealed last night to Ethiopia and Sudam to show 'flexibility, maturity and an attitude of mutual accommodation in order to ensure success for the Organization of African Unity's medication committee meeting

Rome, Dec 13.--Eritrean rebels and Ethiopian troops are locked in fierce street battles for control of the Red Sea port of Massawa, according to a statement issued here by the Eritrean People's Liberation

Addis Ababa, Dec 13.-A

Second stage of

meeting opens From Our Own Correspondent New York, Dec 13

Falklands

The second stage of the latest round of negotiations on the Falkland islands began here today. Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, went to the Argentine consulate for talks with Captain Oscar Allara, the Deputy Foreign Minister of Argentina. The talks, which are expec-ted to last three days, follow up the meeting between the two sides in Rome in July, when

formally discussed. Britain is anxious to get rid of the islands, as of all its remaining colonial possessions, but will not do so without the agreement of the 1,905 inhabitants, who want to stay British.

for the first time the question of transferring the sovereignty

of the islands to Argentina was

Thus the most important stage of the present initiative will come when Mr Rowlands goes to Rio de Janeiro on Sun-day to meet Falkland islands representatives. That is when he will seek their agreement to

Why former Prime Minister is prepared to risk a martyr's death King of Nepal shows he sees need for reform

From Richard Wigg

Katmandu, Dec 13

No one I could find in Katmandu seems really to believe that Mr B. P. Koirala, Nepal's social democratic former Prime Minister, will be executed if he is found guilty at his forthcom-ing tried before a special tri-bunal on six charges of treason and one of section.

But the veteran leader of the banned Nepali Congress, by returning home last month from New York in the middle of criti-cal treatment for throat cancer, has made it clear that he is pre-pared to risk a martyr's death in order to gain at least a moral victory in his struggle to restore parliamentary democracy to Nepel after almost 17 years of the punchayar system of in-directly elected government under King Birendra.

King Birendra does not have. time on his side, as Mr Koirala calculated when he decided not to leave Nepalese politics when the King released him last June after seven mouths' arrest and

after seven months' arrest and helped finance his journey for treatment abroad.

An American doctor in Katmandu (who is not being allowed to see or examine him personally) has set January or February as the latest time for Mr Koirala's return to New York for a second operation.

to be a quick trial in the next few weeks, followed by a royal pardon, and then swift dispatch of Mr Koirala abroad again. His trial is being watched closely, not only in India where import-

ant elements of the Janata Covernment have long cam-paigned for his release, but by Herr Willy Brandt, President of the Socialist International and, one assumes for its essential human rights aspect, by President Carter. His possible death, if the trial dragged on, would be a dangerous step backwards by the regime, In a year which has seen

political upheavals affecting all of his neighbours, the King all of his neighbours, the king has shown that he senses the panchayat system is in need of reform. Nepal siace 1975 has had its single official political movement, the "Back to the village national campaign". This experiment in organic democracy has come overwhelmingly to represent established interests unable to adapt to change. Hence the King's to change. Hence the King's public call for an injection of more genuine popular participa-

The King has been releasing Nepal's political prisoners, in-cluding some prominent Opposition figures, so that there

The best scenario from the are now estimated to be about genuinely contented with the King's standpoint would appear 100 left behind bars.

Nepal's middle class is verv mail—agriculture still accounts for 90 per cent of all jobs and the teachers, university stud-ents, lawyers and engineers who provide what is both a generation and a political pro-test against the system face repression quite as tough as in India during Mrs Gandhi's

In Karmandu on the night of Mrs Gandhi's spectacular defeat in the March general election, thousands of homes stayed tuned in throughout the night to All-India Radio. The Nevalese elections in four administrative zones at about the same time passed unnoticed. Mr Kotrala's followers say

they intend to prepare during the next six months for a campaign of Gandhian non-vio protest. So do some more left-Dissent here is weak from an organizational standpoint. That is natural under a regime that has banned parties and trade unions and where the

rade unions and where the national literacy rate is about 15 per cent. But Mr Koirala, branded as a survivor from the decade of the failed politicians, could hardly have become a caralyst if the country was

not to mention the women themselves. A council finally

admitted women last year.

The schismatics have been planning their new church ever since. They claim that about 90 parishes have broken with the

official church, and they are forming themselves into dioceses. So far, no bishop has gone with them and their prob-

lem is to find one to ensure the apostolic succession, and to

still being debated vigorously
—has taken the defections

quietly so far. Things would change if members were to leave in large numbers, but there is little sign of that.

After all, the number of

women priests is very small and the antics of publicity-seeking innovators in small seminaries

have few repercussions within

the Anglican Church, whose strength, over the centuries, has been its catholicity.

Poor people's homes torn

down during Gandhi era

The main body of the church in which all these matters are

A return to parliamentary government would perhaps not solve Nepal's economic problems, but neither has the punchapat system. Between 1967 and 1975 (the latest period for any reliable figures) the average real growth in Nepal's gross domestic product, of 2.2 per cent a year, was absorbed by an identical registered population

per capita remained about £51. The diet of more of the poor dropped below subsistence levels, and 56 per cent of all known deaths were of children under five. Well informed people in Kat-

mandu differ as to whether King Birendra is all powerful within the system or, as the phrase goes, he has difficulties within the palace. Instigating the Koirala trial was the work of the hardliners, those who stand to lose more if the king should decide to open the system by some relaxation on civil liberties.

The Koirala trial, and the keen international interest aroused, limit the King's immediate options, but the basic choices remain his as an abso-lute monarch and the Nepalese Army appears both loyal and

Pop groups are

Czechoslovakia

A list of singers and pop groups who have been banned,

Marta Kubisova, a popular

Among the reasons given by the authorities for the measures are long hair, unsuitable attire,

references to religious themes, support for persecuted artists, non-conformist behaviour, and the content of a single song.

Some performers have also failed tests of "political matu-

Festivals and concerts are

requently cancelled or disrup-ted by the police, says the report, and records are with-drawn. As a result there have

been classies between young people and security forces. At a folk festival in Kydne in the

summer, 126 people were in

The Charter's signatories have published an open letter to "Polish friends" saying how highly they value the solidarity shown by them for Charter 77.

Delhi, said that Mr Gandhi used to "bully and blackmail"

singer.

harassed in

Mrs Castle advised to drop case of jailed nurse

Bangkok, Dec 13.-A former Thai Prime Minister today urged Mrs Barbara Castle, Labour MP for Blackburn, not of Miss Rita Nightingale, one of her constituents, who was jailed for 20 years last week for heroin smuggling, while an appeal is

Mrs Castle had said after she heard of the sentence that she believed Miss Nightingale, a 24year-old nurse, was innocent.

Mr Kukrit Pramoj said in the Siam Rath newspaper that he had sympathy for Miss Nightingale and for British officials in

Bangkok, whom Mrs Castle has asked to ensure that she is being properly treated in jail.

Miss Nightingale was jailed after being found guilty of try-ing to smuggle beroin through

Bangkok to Europe last March Her lawyers said they would Mr Kukrit, who was Prime Minister from March, 1975, until appeal for her reicase. April last year, wrote: "Mrs Castle is entitled to her opinion,

but as the Thai court has handed down the sentence and the matter is still under appeal. the matter should be left alone." He said Mrs Castle's request for action through the British Embassy to check prison condi-tions under which Miss Nightingale is held "sounds as if we are still in the era of extra-territorial rights, which were territorial rights, which were revoked a long time ago."

Mr Kukrit was referring to exemption from Thai legal action which was granted to foreigners in Thailand under treaties with the big powers signed in the mid-nineteenth century. All such treaties were revoked by 1925. groups who have been hanned, restricted or arrested by the Czechoslovak authorities is contained in a report by the Charter 77 movement, founded last January in Prague to press for human and civil rights.

The report is signed by Dr Jiri Hajek, a former Foreign Minister, Dr Ladislav Hejdanek, a philosopher, and Miss Marta Kubisova, a popular

revoked by 1925.

He had sympathy for Mrs Castle. When there are requests for help from her voter. she just has to play the game' he said.—Reuter.

Chinese press told to stop official reprints From David Bonaviii

Hongkong, Dec 3
The Chinese offocial press has vowed to discontinue the practice of parroting itself with numerous reprints of poli-tically significant articles in

different publications.

The Peking part party organ Kwangming Daily has condemned the reprosuction of officially sponsored articles in central and provincial newspapers and specialized journals and magazines, which has been common practice until now.

In one issue of the medical journal, 60 per cent of its contents were reproduced from the central newspaper said, blaming this practice on the so-called saig of four led by Chiang Ching, Chairman Mao's widow.

"There are hundreds of periodicals throughout the country, and the waste resulting from reproduction is staggering", it added,

Nun finds head of kidnap victim

Quito, Dec 13.—The head of an Ecuador businessman kidin the grounds of a church college here today, police said.

The head was wrapped in a plastic bag inside a box found by a nun. The rest of the body has not been found .- Reuter

Britain to **Anglican schismatics** protest over in search of a bishop atrocities From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 13 women that proved the final straw. The debate had continued for years, getting steadily more acrimonious with the bishops threatening to excommunicate those of their number who ordained women, act to marriage the women.

in Cambodia

Parhamentary Correspondent The Government has at last decided to protest against atrocities in Cambodia by raising the matter at the next meet-

By Hugh Noyes

ing of the United Nations Com-mission on Human Rights in Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minis-

ter of State at the Foreign Office, who announced the deci-sion in the Lords on Monday, said that such practices should be condemned and exposed. He hoped that there would be support from Britain's friends As more and more horrifying

reports of Cambodian atrocities bave been reaching the West from refugees escaping across the border into Thailand, Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, has come under increasing pressure to raise the matter in the forum of the United Nations. Lord Goronwy-Roberts also announced that the Government hoped to make an increased contribution of £750,000 towards the work of the United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees in helping 88,000 south-east Asian refugees in Thailand. This aid would be subject to parliamentary approval and will be in addition to the £400,000 already pledged for next year.
Those in Thai resettlement camps include 73,000 Laotians, 14,000 Cambodians and 1,000 Vietnamese.

Lord Goronwy-Roberts told the Lords that Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, had agreed to admit refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia who had previous connexions with Britain. A quota of 115 "small boat" refugees from Vietnam boat" refugees from Vietnam would be accepted and addi-tional measures to help with the resettlement problem were being considered.

Early next month a convocation of schematic Episcopalians will be held to establish a new church, the Anglican Church in North America. Its members claim that the Episcopalian Church here has lapsed into heresy by orderining wainen into heresy by ordaining women into the preschood and by permit-ting various other innovations. Those in Britain who dispute with one another over revisions of the Lord's Prayer might be startled at some of the Ameri-

can versions. There is a seminary here training priests, men and wamen, fo ribe Episcopal ministry, who begin the prayer "Our Father, our Mother in Heaven . . .".

This same institution, possibly because David danced before the Lord, thinks that the prayer can also be rendered as a pas de deux. They dance it, in mixed couples, wearing long white robes to set the proper Conservatives have other ob-

jections to the way things are going in the Episcopal Church here. They oppose the lifting of the ban on the remarriage in church of divorced people, and the admission of homosexuals to the priesthood.

Durban home of banned Indian leader fired on From Our Correspondent

From Our Correspondent Delhi, Dec 13 Tens of thousands of Johannesburg, Dec 13 No motive is known for an strack last night on the Durban home of Mrs Fatima Meer, the banned Indian leader and sociologist, the police said today.

The family's twoc ars were

set ablaze and a house guest was badly wounded in the shoulder by shotgun fire. The outrage was the latest in a series involving banned

Baluchi leaders demand

From Our Correspondent Islamubad, Dec 13 Mr Ghaus Bux Bizenjo, the

former governor of Baluchistan, and two other Baluchi leaders of the outlawed National Awami Party, who were recently granted release on bail by a special court, have refused to leave prison until the martial law authorities agree to reverse the consequences of the military operations carried out from 1973 by Mr Bhutto, the former Prime

restoration of rights

The two other leaders who The two other leaders who declined to be released until Baluchi grievances are redressed are Mr Khair Bux Marri and Mr Gul Khan Naseer. The special court, which was set up on 1975 by Mr Ehutto to try 45 people, mainly leaders of the National Swami Party which he banned for alleged antistate activities for alleged antistate activities

Eight die in fire

Providence, Rhode Island, any formula he and Captain eight women students. Fourtee Allara might draw up this week.

dent of the party.

dent of the party.

A statement issued by Mr Mahmud Aziz Kurd, a former member of the Senate, on behalf of Mr Bizenjo said he had mer the Baluchi leader in yderahad jail last Saturday. Mr Bizenjo reportedly said that during mikitary operations on the orfer of Mr Butto's Government, "hundreds of men, women and children were killed, numerous villages were killed, numerous villages were destroyed, thousands of people were uprooted, a large number were forced to abandon their homes and seek refuge in other parts of the country or go into hiding or flee across the border, and many were put behind bars."

Although the Bhutto regime was no longer in power, Mr Bizeljo said, people in Baluchistan remained uprooted and those who had abandoned their homes were still destitute. destroyed, thousands of people

for alleged antistate activities homes were still destitute. in 1973, granted bail last week Many were still in hiding and to 14 of the accused, including others were in jail.

Dec 13.—Fire swept through a dormitory at Providence College early today, killing at least eight women students. Fourteen

Train kills 11

Denizli, Turkey, Dec 13.-Eleven people were killed and six injured when the minibus in which they were travelling was hit by a goods train on a cross-ing near here last night.

Wary crew used Salyut's back door

Moscow, Dec 13.—The Soyuz cosmonauts entered the Salyur 6 space laboratory by the back door because they suspected the main docking en-trance was faulty, it was explained on Moscow radio

Lieutenant-Colonel Yuri Romanenko and Mr Georgy Grechko, who were said to be enjoying a day of "active rest" today, decided to use the alternare docking entry when their Soyuz capsule linked up with the previously unused Salyut

on Sunday.

In the broadcast, Mr Konstantin Feoktistov, a space scientist, said: "The first docking device was found to be sus-

picious and the decision was taken to dock at the other end." The two docking entrances on Salyut increased the reliability and safety of the space stations and would allow ground control to launch resupply or rescue crews in case of need. Improvements to Salyut 6 to

make life more comfortable for the orbiting cosmonwuts and to accommodate new scientific equipment were described in the broadcast. Mr Feekistov said a new drinking water recycling sys-tem, first tested experimentally

to direct weightless water drops over a bathing cosmonaut and out the bottom. A special filter separated the water and the air for recirculation in the space ship's systems.

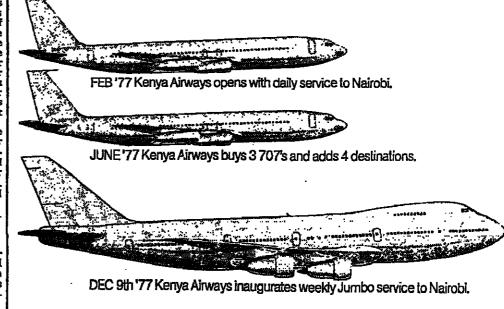
By 2 pm Moscow time today (1100 GMT) the Salyut 6 had completed 1,188 orbits around Earth, 34 of them with the Soyuz 26 crew on board, according to Tass. It was orbiting Earth every 91.4 minutes at between 209.4 miles and 225.5 miles and at an orbital inclination of 51.6 degrees.

on Salyut 4, was now a regular feature on Salyut 6, along with an experimental showerbath. All systems were functioning normally, the news agency said. The shower, in a sealed com--UPI.

Tens of thousands of poor people were uprooted and their homes demolished during the emergency so as to beautify Delhi, according to the information disclosed by the Shah commission investigating the excesses committed under emergency rule. One witness told the commission Gate and Jama Musjid city officials. Mr Raghuramaiah, former under emergency rule. One witness told the commission today that the demolitions about demolitions in the Turksion today that the demolitions man Gate and Jama Masjid area. Jay Gandhi with the approval of his mother, Mrs Indira he was not aware of any decision taken by his ministry to

Mr B. R. Tamta, former undertake der nunicipal commissioner of a large scale

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Britain and France to seek areas for A further Big vote in favour of first-past-the-post closer industrial cooperation: similar views on future of EEC

The French and British Governments are to establish a Committee for Industrial Cooperation to identify the Cooperation of the C tify one areas for closer coopera-tion between the two countries, Mr. James Callaghan, the Prime Minis-ter, said. He was making a statement about his talks yesterday and today with M Giscard d'Estaing, the President of France. Mr Callaghan said: The talks took place in a friendly atmosphere and revealed a broad similarity of approach to the main issues of the current questions affecting the European Community were fully discussed at last week's meeting of the European Council. At Chequers, the President and I discussed the longer-term development of the Community. We found that our views were similar

that our views were similar.

We discussed the important and pressing question of the ressing question of the Community's fisheries policy on which the Commission's proposals will provide the basis for a further meeting of the fisheries council We resumed our discussions on the world economic situation and were in agreement that it is essen-tial for the OECD and the EEC to achieve their growth targets next year if unemployment is not to rise still higher. Our own fight against inflation, which is making good progress, needs the help of more expansionary policies in the trongest economies.

We discussed the problems arising from the surpluses accumulated by the Opec countries and by lated by the Opec connurses and by Japan.

In a thorough review of our bilateral relations, we agreed to establish a Committee for Industrial Cooperation, drawn from senior officials of the two contries, which will identify new areas of industrial cooperation between us. These will include offshore oil technology, technology peripheral to the computer industry, the paper industry, and the machine tool industry among others.

We welcomed the contacts already established between British Leyland and Renault on possible cooperation between the companies which, while leaving the initiative to them, we support and encourage.

We discussed a proposal for a 2,000 megawatt cross-Channel electricity cable link, We noted that he generating authorities in our two countries are in negotiation two countries are in negociation towards an agreement and expressed our support for this. We reviewed prospects for cooperation in the supply of defence equipment, and welcomed the significant countries are supported to the significant coun

Two million

increase

forecast in

workforce

stated. More jobs in manufacturing industry would have to be found by stimulating investment and domestic and international trade.

Mr George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab) had asked for the estimate of the increase amicipated over the next

Mr Booth--If present trends continue, there may be an increase of about 2,200,000 in the labour force in Great British between 1977 and

1991, the latest year for which I

1991, the latest year for which I have projections.

The figure is subject to various uncertainties, in particular in respect of the number of married women likely to be seeking work. They are projected to increase by about 1.250,000 over that period. Mr Rodgers—That is a staggering figure—over two million people to be superimposed on an unem-

figure—over two million people to he superimposed on an unemployed labour force of one and a half million. Surely that calls for a change in strategy?

Should he not be considering increasing public spending and expanding educational opportunities and a range of options to be introduced as quickly as possible?

Mar Ranth—Cartainly is a chal-

Mr Booth—Certainly it is a chal-lenging figure, when one starts from the figure of the present high level of unemployment. I agree that it carries with it obligations

to study all those factors that he has mentioned. But this Government has not shown reluctance to increase public spending, when we have the means to do it.

we have the means to do it.

Mr John Garrett (Norwich, South,
Lab)—Given those remarkable
figures, does he favour the argument for the early repayment of
debt and tax relief or action to
create new jobs in manufacturing
industry from the use of the public
revenues arising from North Sea
will and sas?

oil and gas?
Mr Booth—I find myself on one side only of every argument, and that is to deploy available resources to reduce unemploy-

Prent.
Air Tom Arnold (Hazel Grove, C)—How are new jobs in manufacturing industry to be created?
Mr Booth—In a number of ways.

One is by support for the invest-

ment necessary to carry out the recommendations of the sector working parties and another an

improvement in our own trade nolicies. Another is to use our influence within the EEC and the

up and that these matters should be decided on the basis of the commercial and market factors involved.

We agreed that there will be annual meetings in future between the commercials of the summits, so I do not agree with Mrs Thatcher about it. Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavillon, C)—How will they exploit the 12-year lead over United States technology in supersonic civil aviating the summits. wolved.

We agreed that there will be annual meetings in future between the senior officials of our contries who are concerned with economic management. In a wider framework, we agreed to encourage the Franco-British Council to organize annual meetings, such as we already have with the Federal Republic of Germany and other countries, between leading British and French politicians.

ing British and French politicians, industrialists, trade unionists and others to discuss matters of comothers to discuss matters of common concern.

We had a thorough and useful exchange of views on the international situation. We devoted particular attention to the prospects for a Middle East settlement and to Africa, on which our thinking was very close. We agreed to deepen consultation between us on African problems.

This latest meeting has confirmed once again the value of these exchanges as a positive and constructive basis on which to build Franco-British friendship.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of

build Franco-British friendship.
Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of
the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley,
C)—We are not short of summits,
committees of cooperation, or of
summit statements, particularly
about the need for extra growth.
All are phrased to the same terms.
The only thing we are short of is
results from summits.

It is inpute that the the ironic that this statement on the need for industrial growth comes on a day when industrial production is once again down.

Do any practical proposals for growth emerge from these summit mactings?

Mr Callaghan-It is true that there are far more international meet-ings than there have ever been and Nevertheless, there are problems Nevertheless, there are problems of interdependence which are not solved and cannot be solved by any one country. I speak, I am sure, for the President, and certainly for myself, when I say that this exchange of views is of great value and Mrs Thatcher is not doing justice to them by her approach.

In these matters of the cross-Channel electricity link, the supply of defence equipment, examination

ward.

Mrs Helene Hayman (Welwyn and Haffield, Lab)—In view of the grave problems of the civil aircraft industry both in France and his country when are the urgent decisions on new projects to which Mr Callaghan referred likely to be made? of defence equipment, examination of new areas for cooperation in industrial matters—all these are of value and what happens is surely perhaps that one discovers one day one can start a political impetus perhaps that one discovers one day one can start a political impetus and the issues are carried on by officials or colleagues. Sometimes it needs heads of government to get together and give a push behind it.

No great results come from one meeting. I should like to cut down the number of meetings but there

PM predicts higher

living standards

Reasonable pay sentement ourning the next 12 months would mean further tax remissions and this, together with the fact that inflation was being overcome, would result in a substantial increase in the standard of life in 1978, the Prime Minister said at question time.

He was speaking during exchange which began when Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab) asked: Has he read the Richard Dimbleby lecture by Mr Jack Jomes? The most important pact this Government have is with the trade unions. Will he seek to transform the social contract into a socialist contract to that purieurs' socialists in

tract so that workers' sacrifices in

recent years can reap benefits in the years ahead?

the years ahead?

Mr Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—I have rend a summary of that lecture and it was well worth while. I congratulate Mr Jones on what he had to say. It is the

foundation of any government's success in this country and in others that there should be a good working relationship with the trade

As I move among prime minis-ters and others from other coun-tries I find that the relationship we

Lases a source of envy to mem. Mr Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—Will he remand the TUC that the pay in the pocket of the average worker this Christmas will buy less than in any Christmas since 1969? That is the practical result of socialism. (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—I will check on her figures. As regards the general position, there has never been any

position, the part of responsible people to deny that what has hap-pened as a result of the increase in oil prices and for other reasons has meant a lowering in the standard of life in this country and other

conntries.

From that we are now recovering. The tax remissions we were able to give in the autumn and summer are helping.

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If we get reasonable settlements on pay during the next 12 months there can be further tax remissions and this, together with the fact that we are now overcoming inflation, will result in real and substantial increases in the standard of life of people in this country in 1978.

union movement.

jobless total expected

The December figures would show a further fall in unemployment, Mr Albert Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, stated during question time. He indicated that the Government were reviewing the operation of the temporary employment subsidy along with a number of other mass, measures. number of other major measures which had been extended through to March. He would return to the House with a statement on this. He added that the temporary employment subsidy, more than any other single measure introduced by the Government, had substantially reduced the level of redundancies—to about a third of redundancies—to about a third of

matter but naturally did not reach any conclusion about it. This will come increasingly under discussion, I expressed the personal view—and I do not expect it to be Government policy at this stage—that I do not think another Anglo-

French project could succeed because of resources available. It

Mr Peter Walker (Worcester, C)— West Germany also has a consider able interest in the areas of col-

laboration which were identified. Probably collaboration should be on a wider scale than on an Anglo-French basis.

French basis.

Mr Callaghan—We are covering this aspect in defence. The European Programme Group is considering possible collaboration in the

Mr James Johnson (Kingston upon Hull, West Lab)—In the eyes of our fishing industry the French are a bête noire. Did the French Presi-dent say anything about the So-mile exclusive limit?

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Mr Callaghan—There would not be normal relations with France unless there was some friction between the fishermen off the southwest coast and French fishermen who claim ancient and historic rights to fish there.

Pacture of the need to preserve

Because of the need to preserve fish stocks there is more in common between them and the French than there appears to be on the surface. We hope the French will support the proposals we put forward.

Mr Callaghan—This will be a real increase. If you have a combi-nation of moderate increases in earnings coupled with a reduction

m massion, which is very possible next spring, coupled with the fact that we are now overcoming inflation. which is expected to be in single figures next year, that—on the forecasts of all pretty dispassionate people—will lead to a substantial improvement in the standard of life for the first time for some years. It is worth working for.

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That is why I reiterate the necessity for having moderate increases in earnings and not going for fautastic increases of 20 and 30 per cent which would mean that inflation would go up, that we could not make the tax cuts, and there would be a general reduction in standards rather than improve-

standards rather than improve-tables. Mr Kenneth Baker (City of West-minster, St. Marylebone, C)— Before he sees the TUC will he have a word with the Secretary of State for Energy (Mr Benn) who said last night that what Britain needs more than any Labour Government is more socialism? (Labour cheers.)

(Labour cheers.) Mir Callaghan—There are no dif-

Mr Callaghan—There are no off-ferences between Mr Benn and mysek. (Conservative laughter.) Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwalf, I.)—Never mind increases in earn-ings of 20 and 30 per cent, the current spate of forecasts in the private sector are that earnings will average 17 per cent increases during the period of the Govern-ment's guidelines.

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These forecasts, coupled with leaks from the Treasury that their computer confirms this figure, are likely to be self-fulfilling. What will he do to introduce a pay policy which will stop earnings rising at 17 per cent over the 12 months of this pay policy? Mr Callaghan—The only point on which I would agree with him is that this ridiculous kind of forecasting, which seems to be the biggest growth industry in this country, rends to become self-fulfilling. I wish we could have far fewer forecasts and more people concentrating on what is happening.

ing. Mr Bryan Davies (Enfield, North,

Mr styan nawes (sancia, North, Lab)—As the forecasting ability of the Treasury is held in high regard only by Mr Pardoe, could not their computer be better used by adding up the full cost to public expenditure of demands made by the Opposition?

Mr Norman Atkinson (Harioney, Tottenham, Lab)—Will he referente that last statement? Will he clear up any ambignity that may exist among TUC people in the sense that he is saying that there is now no necessity for any worker to take a further reduction in his living standard this year, and that

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L)-Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L)— Have the Government considered the policy of giving time off in lieu of overtime payment and how many jobs could that create? Mr Booth—I have considered a number of possibilities in that area, I would, however, tather see employers and trade unions work-ing on their own alternatives to the present high levels of overtime working and on means of employ-ing more people, If there was a

Rosh the French President and I feel there are problems we share in a number of areas. We have a closer link with the French in relation, for example, to textles, shipbuilding and steel. Mr Barney Hayhoe, an Opposition

Mr Booth-Encouragement to small firms and small industries to

tions of 1972. Indeed there will be more than 400,000 more employed at this particular season which shows that some of the measures we have been introducing to sustain and increase employment have had considerable effect.

Mr Booth later said that at November 10 there were 1,437,963 people registered as unemployed in Great Britain. The last three-months had each shown a fall in the numbers of unemployed, mainly as a result of school leavers finding jobs.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, Mr Robert Haghes (Aberdeen,

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen, North, Lab1—The present high levels of unemployment are a result of the failure of the free market economy. (Labour cheers and Conservative protests.) History teaches us that to find the jobs in the future we cannot look to the free market economy.

Will the Government take steps to produce a socialist plan to provide employment? (Conservative laughter.)

laughter.)
Mr Booth—I came to roughly the same conclusion as Mr Hugbes before we entered the present recession. In the last 12 months I have been called upon by MPs on both sides to have greater Godernment intervention. Whatever MPs may think about the free market enonomy, they must suspend some

Doctors failing to identify kidney donors

Mir Roland Moyle, Minister of State for Health, said in a written reply: Although the introduction of a contracting-out system for organ donation could lead to some improvement in the supply of kidneys, the present legislation is not as restrictive as is often assumed and is not. I believe, the major cause of the current shortage of kidneys for transplantation. cause of the current shortage of kidneys for transplantation. Probably the more important single factor contributing to this shortage is the failure ofd octors to identify potential donors and set in motion the process of organ removal. Lack of public awareness of the need for more kidneys also contributes. Although to a lesser extent to the shortage.

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evidence or public acceptance or a contracting-out system is doubt-ful. Organ douation is a delicate issue which involves deep-rooted rilgious, social and cultural fac-tors, and to override these may do more harm than good. However, I would welcome public debate on would welcome proof: decade of this issue and my department in-tends to publish next year a discus-sion document, setting out the-arguments for and against amend-ing present levislation governing the donation of kidneys for trans-plant.

Planning order alarm Mr Raphael Tuck (Waiford, Lab)
unsuccessfully sought an emergency debase on the Town and
Country Planning General Development (Amendment) Order, 1977,
which, he said, removed control by
local authorities to such an extent
that it would almost be possible to
build a factory in a residential
back garden.

Parhamentary notices House of Commons

system for direct elections to Europe

name of three Labour and three Conservative MPs designedsto ensure that the first-past-the-post system was used for electing members of the European Assem-bly rather than me regional list nystem was considered when the committee stage of the European Assembly Elections Bill was resumed.

Clause 3 (Method of election), as drafted, set out provisions for both methods of election and Mr Frederick Willey (Sunderland, North, Lab) moved the amendment to keep the electoral system for ections to Europe the sa United Kingdom.

He said that a change would make things worse. If the amendment was defeated, the breach would then be opened and Liberal support would depend increasingly upon the Government's willingness as support proportional represenwhat they would otherwise have

It was foolish, dangerous and unnecessary to countenance change. He hoped the House would decide that the occasion for this

nad not arisen.

Mr Merlyn Reen, Home Secretary (Leeds, 'South, Lah) said the Houne could make a choice between the two electoral systems. The Government favoured the regional list system but their supporters would have a free vote on this issue.

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A new form of ballot paper had been devised which placed the names of candidates alphabetically and horizontally across the ballot paper. The names of the political to the mathematics of it that the The result would be that each region would have one member for every half million electors. The Government believed that selection of the economic planning regions as the basis for regional hat countinuencies was reasonable and fair.

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seats denies because things roughly worked themselves out on the swings and roundabouts. But with only 81 seats and with a constituency of more than 500,000 voters it would not be acceptable to those voters.

not see that it was necessary for the Government to give up the whole of its legislative time to get the Bill through. The Government would have to give proper time

would have to give proper time to the Bill.

He had no doubt that elections on the regional list system could be carried through by the time appointed by the European Council of heads of government. But he saw no possibility of getting those first-past-the-post or the regional

date he was voting for, with the candidate's party and the other candidates in the same party.

He yieleded to no one in his support for the Westminster system in constituencies, under the sort of system they had in elections to the House, and also for the role of the MP. Europe was different in this respect with all members, given the role of the European Parliament. He wanted to remain different. The regional list system As one went down the list and the votes were averaged it would be possible for an independent to be elected.

the multimember constituencies were specified in Schedule 3. Once the Bill had received Royal Assent the political parties would know the final nature of the constituen-

cles and could begin selection of candidates immediately. candidates immediately.

If the simple majority system was chosen, then a minimum of 18 weeks would be required after Royal Assent for the truncated procedures provided for in Schedule 2 for the determination of the 78 single-member constituencies.

Clearly the Boundary Commission could do some preliminary work before Royal Assent but not until the Bill was on the statute book would here have formal authors. book would hive have formal auth-

amendment in the parties were listed alphabetically Royal Assent was the key from and rerically down the ballot which they were working, the furst-past-the-post used for electing at a glance the individual candidates up in the procedures after date he was voting for, with the candidate's party and the other han the regional list candidates in the same party.

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were accepted.
Given the limited number of seats available and the limited nature of the European Assembly, he recommended that the House he recommended that the holistshould adopt the regional list system for the elections to the assembly in the free vote tonight.

He could do this happily without agreeing that it should be done for the Scottish and Welsh Assemblies. There he stood by the superior advantages of the simple majority system.

system. The regional list system would enable speedier progress to be made and was liable to produce a more representative result than a simple majority system. When simple majority system. When there were only \$1 sears the swings would be enormous between elec-tions.

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Mr Douglas Hurd, Opposition spokesman on forcign and Commonwealth affairs (Mid Oxon, C) said there had been an attempt to link enthusiasm for Europe with support for the regional list. He found that argument irritating and illogical.

Although he favoured electoral

Although he favoured electoral reform in the United Kingdom and had spoken and voted accordingly, it would be a mistake to depart from the existing system for the first round. Direct elections were a major innovation; it would be a mistake to introduce a major innovation on the system of elections at the same time.

There had been a great deal of obscure and misleading talk about timing. Mr Gallaghan in particular had smudged his words so as to convey different impressions to different people as to what he was up to.

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It was a little surprising that some people, including the Liberal Party and The Times this morning had accepted some of the arguments about timing without actually doing their homework on the arguments.

If the Government another in more days in committee and normal times to: the other processes, the Opposition had worked forthat they would prive at Royal that the Way 24 under the regional list system. If that were so, it would be too late to reach the protest days. the target date. The Opposition had made two

Tighter of rules

ane opposition had made two assumptions; that the Government would get a timetable motion immediately after Christmas and that they would be prepared to spend two days a week in committee until the Bill left me Home. Mr Recs had said under the regional list system the country would need three months after the tiate of Royal Assent before direct date of Koval Assent before direct electrons could be held. That meant Royal Assent would have to be before the end of March. That target date could only be met if the to devote all the legislative time available to the Bill, kerys on one side the Scottish and Welsh Assem-bly Bills and treat this Bill as a

The Opposition had believed that the guillotine should not be brought before an orderly vote on brought before an orderly vote of the system. Now the Government had, as the Opposition suggested brought forward this proposal before there was any suggested of a timetable motion, it was turn to say it would be easier for the Opposition to provide some form of acquiescence if it came to a inmetable motion later on. Supposing the House decided in favour of the first-past-the-post, it might be close, the Governmen-should not then retre into a long fit of inactive gloom simply to prove the small point they had been making. It would be impor-tant for the Government to recon-cile the view of the House with cile the view of the House with The key to the question of time was the political will of the Government to see the Bill

Our support for this Bill the said is support for the principle and that does not depend upon a particular result tonignt. We badly need, after all the argaing, a clear; and definite decision of the House on the voting system. We will work for early and successful. on the voting system, we will work for early and successful European elections in this country for the simple, but we believe adequate, reason that they will help to bring about a more sensible and a more democratic Community. (Opposition cheer.)

Chances of being ready 'very, very remote'

post arrangements.

Mr Bryan Gould (Southampton, Test, Lab) said that one of the strengths of the present system was that anyone who wished to be active in national politics was compelled into the mainstream of politics. Under a PR system people would have an incentive to form themselves into smaller groups which would inevitably reflect more and more extreme views. The first-past-the-post system was not suitable for many reasons. It was accepted in Britain, with 635 constituencies and many of the seats being returned with small

more and more extreme views.

Sir Derek Walker-Smith (East Hernfordshire, C) said far from the methods in this Bill constituting a binding or even persuasive authority for elections to the House of Commons it did not even constitute such an authority for succeeding elections to the European Parliament. The decision today was short term, liable to change and neither binding in perpetisty nor even setting a pattern for the future.

They now knew that a practical

woters. Many people in Britain, and probably in Westminster, were asking themselves whether the Westing themselves whether the Westing themselves whether the texthooks said it did, particularly when one looked about the world and saw that no country to which Britain gave its parliamenwhich Britain gave its parliamentary system had kept it.

As a system of proportional representation, the added member system was preferable. But if the choice had to be made between first-past-the-post and the regional list then the regional list was preferable.

There was not one single disadvantage to the Conservatives in supporting the regional list system, but there were strong disadvantages on the other courses.

If there was a guillotine—and he would support one because of the importance of the subject—be did not see that it was necessary for

They now knew that a practical solution based on a reasonable parity of representation could be aparty to any piece of legislation approached in such an unprincipled, ambiguous way.

Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab) said be done within the same parameters of time as applied to the House. If they were to pass the Bill into law unamended it would give an un-Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab) said this plan was being foisted upon the House because the Liberal Party wanted to introduce proportional representation into the normal electoral system of the country. Although there were arguments for PR there were also arguments of principle against it. I think (he said) a system which has served the United States for 200 years and this country for 300 years is still quite good errough for me.

list system, he preferred the regional list system.

This was because of the ease and speed with which it could be introduced and the fairness of the result. It would enable the United Kingdom to send a delegation which was an accurate balance of the groupings with Europe itself and it could be ready in time for May-June. The first-past-the-post system did not satisfy these criteria.

Mr. Calin Phinns (Dudley, West.

Mr Colin Phipps (Dudley, West, Lah) said he would be voting for proportional representation not to keep alive the pact between Labour and Liberals or in the belief it would one day be need for Westminster, but because it was the only fair and proper system to be used for the European elections.

Mr. William Crais' (Reflect East. Mr William Craig' (Belfast, East, Vanguard) said that from his expe-rience a country would run into a lot of trouble once it had a plana-lity of franchise. He would not be

Mr Alexander Lyon (York, Lab) said he was against PR as a means of election to the House. If they were to pass the Bill into law unamented it would give an unnecessary fillip to the campaign for PR in this courter. It was the thin PR in this country. It was the thin end of the wedge. PR led to a weaker form of government.

weaser norm of government.
Mr George Reid (East Stirlingshire and Clackmannan, Scot Nat) said his party would abstain in the vote and expected the regional list system would fail by a substantial majority. It would prefer singlemember seats with the alternative vote system of PR.

Mr David Howell, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Guildford, C) said the chances of meeting the May-June target were minimal because unless the business of the House and the Government's affective to the said of the contract of o

Mr Merlyn Rees said they were figure wedge. It is a method of voting for the European Assembly for which it is appropriate.

We are talking about an assembly that does not spawn a government that is advisory and supervisory. The list system is appropriate to Europe. There will be created a different type of representative, perhaps with a regional interest, not in competition with this House.

There was, he went on, a timing problem and it was not due to any dilatoriness—(Conservative Laughter)—but because a minerity. We are talking about an assem-

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laughter)-but because a minority government was much more in the hands of the House of Commons. It was the Commons that would decide tonight.

Undoubtedly on the first-past-Undoubtedly on the mist-pentine-post system the chances of being ready for May-June were very, very remote. If the House voted for the regional list system, which had many advantages in the context of Europe, they could be ready for May-June. It was for the House to decide which it wanted. Timing was in the hands of the House. The amendment was carried by 319 votes to 222—majority against the Government, 97.

The committee stage was

Greater regularity of prison visits wanted

them.

Changes were coming in this regard, whether or not riby liked it. Let it not be said that Britain and been forced by outside pressure into making the desirable or eastements in the prison system.

Lord Barris of Greenwitch, Minister of State, Home Office, said be wanted the Home Office to continue to work towards the abolition or eastements in the prison system. House of Commons
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House of Lords
There seemed finite doubt that the correspondence of prisoners were more restrictive than those which generally prevailed, in, western Europe, the Earl of Longford (Lab) said in opening a debase on communication between prisoners and the general public.

He would have thought the House could, they greatly prevailed in was desirable fire introduced by the prisoners of their "them" and develop: the prisoners while they were interested, Allany prisoners of their said in the prisoner felt jubilities if some prisoners do a magnificantly brave in the consideration of their within those ounside helped to break with those ounside helped to break with those ounside helped to break with those ounside helped to break in maintain they were interested, Allany prisoners of their said in the prison rules were considered in the prison rules were considered in the prisoners should not have their interesting the frequency of the restriction of visits was one of the prison service and regional dender of the prison dender of the prison dender of the prison service and regional dender of the prison service and regional dender of the prison dender of the prison service and regional dender of the prison service and regional dender of the prison dender of the prison service and regional dender of the prison service and regional dender of the prison dender of th

The Earl of Bessborough (C) said

that Partiament was coming to an historic moment in the long story.

to give particular attention to wist-ing arrangements during their reg-ular visits to prisons and the in-spectment to pick out this partic-ular sizuation in their regular reports on prisons to the Home Secretary.

always prevent the planning of escapes, the infinidation of witnesses and the smuggling of drugs into a prison. But time-coisuming and unprofitable as it was it had on a number of occasions undoubted before entering the frequency the frequency ters might could friends had been virtually about the frequency ters might could friends had been virtually about the frequency term of the frequency te friends had been virtually abo-lished. The Home Secretary had stated his intention of extending the open prisons practice. The operation of the rules was kept constantly under review and was being reviewed now. prisoners are treated sensitively and with humanity. We have made progress towards this objective, but a great deal more is necessary

our a great that more is accessory and desirable. The Home Secretary and myself are determined to by to do our best to achieve it. The debate concluded.

The Local Government (Scotland)
Bill completed its report stage and the Marticel Bill completed its room. the Medical Bill completed its com-

Council of Ministers prepared to concede half the increases in regional fund sought by MPs

Strasbourg The Council of Ministers and the

The Council of mansters and the EEC Commission urged Parliament to avoid a conflict with the Council over the size of the regional fund. Mr Mark Eyskens, the Belgian Minister for Finance, on behalf of the Council and Mr Christopher Tugendhat, Commissioner for rugendhat, Commissioner for budget and financial courtol, were speaking in a debate which marked the final stage of the budget proce-

After modifications on the draft After modifications on the draft budget, the Council set a figure of \$80m European units of account for the commitment appropriation for the regional fund, and Parliament asked that the figure should be 750m EUA. the original proposal by the Commission. Voting on the 1978 budget will take place on Thursday. ment's position has pecodic much ment's position has pecodic much stronger and its responsibilities in stronger and its responsibilities in stronger and its responsibilities in spending and raising money greatened on Budgets, which approved the application of VAT as an own

28,559,000 EUA in commitments. 28,559,000 EUA in commitments, and the acceptance in modified form by the Council of further amendments by Parliament totaling 745,000 EAU in payments and 43,089,000 EUA in commitments. It sought amendments in energy, regional, industrial, and food aid policies.

Mr Shaw said that this year Parliament with the Council constituted the budgetary authority. Parlia-ment's position had become much

resource of the Community with effect from January 1, 1978, and welcomed the use of the new European unit of account as the unit for its budget.

The report deplored the fact that the Council sacepted only one of 13 modifications approved by far-liament and noted with satisfaction the acceptance without modifications by Parliament totalling prepared to carry out further that the original draft budget had been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been expansion had not been to selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been to selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been to selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been to selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic situation had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Committee of the protection had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic structure of the protect of the protection had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic structure of the protection had not been based on selective moderation. Although the Buropean ecomonic structure of the protection had not willingness on both sides.

Last right a majority of the Committee on Budgets had not felt prepared to carry out further reductions in the amount for the regional fund or to accept the Council's position, which did not represent a sufficiently substantial increase in the activities of the fund, A minority felt that might introduce a conflict with the Council, although it was agreed that such a conflict should not be Parliament's responsibility.

Later today a parliamentary liament's responsibility.

Later today a parliamentary delegation would meet with the President in Office of the Council to discuss the new situation created by the firm decision taken by the Committee on Budgets. He would report the outcome on Thursday.

Eyskens, for the Council, said

The Council's decision on the regional fund was a political one, resulting from a difficult compromise between the nine member states. The Community should ensure that the commitment appropriations were used efficiently and effectively and it was up to Parliament to decide whether it wanted a major clash between it and the Council. This had been the best year in the relationship between Parliament and the Council and they should not risk transforming it into the worst year by failing to make headway.

Mir Tugendhat said, the Commission should do more to slow understood and appreciated the difficulties faced by Parliament on the final stage of the budget procedure. The Commission President, at the time of the European summit, had declared disappointment on the decision on the regional fund.

The riew that the fund should as Sid when he the Council. The difference between the Council and Parliament in non-compulsory expenditure and inflation was the source of the problems over its renewal. The guarantees of the problems over its renewal. The future seemed relatively bright, and the future possibilities should not be placed at risk. The Commission would do fits best to facilitate a serdement by trying to increase the rate of spending. The payments appropriations were determined by the level

of its budgetary powers and in-finence. The uncertainty which hung over Parisament's area for manoeuvre must be removed next of commitments and payments could not be undertaken unless the commitments were there:

The Commission was innited by the commitments and rate of The Conservative group thought that Parliament would be ill-advised to increase the commitspending in member states. One of ment appropriation for the regional fund from S80m KUA to found was that its rate of spending that kept up with the rate of commitments. He was auxious that the

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per cent for commitment appro-Lord Struce of Donnington (Lab) said that the amounts involved were trivial and should not be talked of as a crisis. The regional fund had restored 60,000 jobs in 1975 and 55,000 in 1976, and as Lord Thomson had said when he was a commissioner, the richer parts of the Community were getting richer and the poorer parts poorer, with unemployment between five million and six million. fund were delicate and complex, cent on payment appropriations. and because it involved non-compulsory expendique Parliament Council's good will. had the last word. A compromise Mr Tugendhat said that if there must be sought. Herr Erwin Lange (Germany, Soc), chairman of the Committee

on Budgets, said that an addition safeguarding the rights of Parliament against encroachment by the Council. If the Council went against Parliament it would mean that there would be no oudget from January 1, 1973.
Mr. Ryskeus, replying to the debete, said that the Council of Ministers was prepared to accept half of the increases considered

uccessary by Parliament in its amendments, which would be 70m EUA of Parliament's 140m EUA.

Those concessions showed the

was more understanding so that the Council did not chop down everything that was por up for consideration, it would be easier to of 1m EUA to the 580m EUA have more room for manoeuwre :: would represent a token gesture of Mr Shaw said there had been concitiation by the Council and there was no alternative to reaching agreement. The two stries were sufficiently close to reach agreement if they continued to use common. sense.
Both sides have moved (he said).

Both sides have moved the said.

We should play our part in the final movement towards, reaching agreement. If we do it will be an agreement the figures the final of which have never been obtained, in the history of this Parliament. We will be folly if we were to let this prize stip through our fingers now.

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Equestrianism....

of rules on amateur status

By Pamela Macgregor Merris When the general assembly of the International Equestrian Federation opened at the palais de Congres in Brussels yesterday the most interesting subject on the genda was a further sorting of the wand question of amateur and professional status

prime Philip president of the federation since 1965, said that the questionnaire which is required to be filled in for each Olympic rider by his national federation is only rarely sent, into headquarters. From now on it will be obligatory, and the new forms will have at the From toow on it will be obligatory, and the new-forms will have at the end a declaration, which must be signed by the president of the federation concerned, stating: "I believe to the best of my knowledge that the answers to this cuestionistic are accurate." If the forms, are: not returned, each defaulting tederation will simply have its entries refused.

New rules have been framed for New rules have been framed for the world show jumping champion-thips. For some time, various invituals have attempted to alterize formula by which the four tailets swap houses in the last and, which its detractors claim, roves very little. The riders i emselves are not in agreement, and the International Riders Federation have voted manimously to retain this fascinating facet.

The topic everyone was awaiting so eagerly, the possible problision of the use of the pain killing ami-inflammatory drug phaying assoc (Butosolida) in competi-

Tightening Cope gets first cap after career of ups and downs

Lahore, Dec 13

The England team to play Pakistan here tomorrow; in the first test match of the three-match series, contains two new caps-Rose, the new Somerset captain, and Cope, of York-shire. Although he retired to bed shire. Afthough he reured to bee this afternoon with a chill, Botham would have been in the cleven had it been considered that medium pace might be of more use than spin.

With only five specialist batsmen in the side, Rose at number three-bayes beauty appropriability. He is

bears a heavy responsibility. He is another young Englishman to have benefited from the interchange of cricketers between one country and another, which now happens more and more. This time last year he was playing grade cricket and coaching in Parth Wassers Australia where in Perth, Western Australia, where he made a useful number of runs and gained valuable experience. and gained valuable experience.

Cope looked to have lost his chance of playing in a Test match when he narrowly missed selection for the Madras game against India earlier this year. But the selectors, surprisingly, I thought, preferred him to Emburey for this tour (Emburey, by the way, made a good start with five wickets for 51 runs in his first club match in Melbourne recently) and tomorrow, after a career of ups and downs, including a temporary suspension while he made repairs to his action, Cope achieves his great ambition which is a triumph for perseverance.

severance.
His rather better control, as well perhaps as his obduracy with the bat, got him the vote ahead of Edmonds, a cricketer of such flair that one hopes to see him in the side before i long. One of the first things Cope

did on hearing of his selection, was to write to Johnny Wardle, who has done more than anyone to help him. This will be the eleventh Test match between England and Pakistan in Pakistan. Of the first 10, nine were drawn: the other, here in Labore in 1960/61, was won by England, the losing Pakistan side being captained by Wing Commander Indiaz Ahmed, the present chairman of their selectors, and England's one century maker being Ken Barrington, now manager of Brearley's side.

manager of Brearley's side.

If anything, the absence of the Packer players improves the chances of a result in tomorrow's match. An England side with Miller at number six, Old at seven and Taylor at eight is more vulnerable than one with Greig at six. Knott at seven and Old at eight, which was what the order was a year ago, almost to the day, in the first Teer march against India at Delbi, and which it probably would be now but for Packer. be now but for Packer.

Similarly, Pakistan, in theory at any rate, should be nothing like as any rate, should be nothing like as hard to bowl our as they would be if Asif, Majid, Mushrak, Zabeer and Imran were playing. Of the four most experienced batsmen in their side tomorrow—Sadiq, Wasim Raja, Javed Miandad and Haroou Rashid—the last three all like to chance their arm. It was Javed who made such a spectacular start to his Test carear against New Zealand in Pakistan last year. Then, for Pakistan in Australia and the West Indies, and for Sussex in the county championship, he has rather been brought back to earth. It is customary on the eve of a Test march to use the team dinner to discuss the strengths and weaknesses

cuss the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition. But as Barrington said this afternoon: "They have still

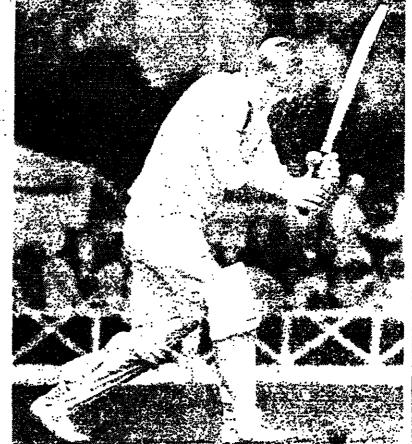
23 who might play and we can't sort them all out." This, of course, in-cludes Mr Packer's hirelings, who may yet drop out of the skies half an bour before the start. Whatever happens, though, the weather is perfect and the ground in good shape.

For the second day running the England players have had trouble finding good practice conditions. Haying found the net wickets at the main stadium quite unusuable they returned this morning to the Gymkhana Club, where the groundstaff had put in some hard work to provide what was wanted. In deference to Willis.
Old and Lever, they look to have
made as lifeless a Test wicket as
possible. Not long ago Bernard Flack
was brought out to Lahore from Edgbaston to see whether he could do anything to sharpen it up but the English grass found the heat of a Punjabi summer more than it could stand so that we are back again with a slab of mud—dead flat and as green as a coffin.

The Pakistan team still had not been named tonight and is expected to be announced shortly before play

England's Test team

J. M. Brearley (Middlesex, cap-G. Boycott (Yorkshire) B. C. Rose (Somerset) D. W. Randall (Nottinghamshire) G. R. Roope (Surrey) G. Miller (Derbyshire)
C. M. Old (Yorkshire)
R. W. Taylor (Derbyshire) G. A. Cope (Yorkshire) J. K. Lever (Essex) R. G. D. Willis (Warwickshire)



Rose: Somerset's captain bears a heavy responsibility.

Australians win after Lillee breaks

through

Albury, New South Wales, Dec 13.—Dennas Liflee led an Australian XI to a 17-run vectory over a West Indian side at the sports ground here today. Liflee's return to the attack late in the game gate the Packer Australians the viral breakthrough. Overall he took three wickets and held a brittnam catch to dismiss the opening batsman, Fredericks, who stored 93.

stored 93.
Lillee had Roberts leg before for 46 and four runs later Mallet claimed Padmore for one run and the game was finithed after 52.
overs. The Australians had totalled 385 for nine in their immigs, and dismissed the West Indian; for 368

Fredericks scored life runs in the first period of play over 115 minutes and hit 12 fours during his stay. When he way dismissed by Gilmour, the West Indians slumped to five for 139.

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liss Galica: European section of championship could be icr greatest test but she is confident of qualifying regularly.

Miss Galica in a Hesketh for Argentine event

The motor racing career of former British ski team captain, Daving Galica, is about to take an important step forward. With the racking of Olympus Cameras she has been named as the sole works a viver of the Hesketh formula one tags for 1978, and will be designed. triver of the meskem formula one to me for 1978, and will be driving the Hesketh Ford 303E which Fipert Keegan handled this year of which has since been rebuilt in a revised rear wing and side

The intention is for Miss Galica take part in every world chamouship race, beginning with the reentine Grand Prix in January. rgentine Grand Prix in January.
She has already driven her new car
et Shetterton in the wet, and after
completing a sid coaching commitment on the Continent she will
fly out to Argentina on January 4
to begin several days of testing
prior to the official qualifying
trials on the Buenos Aires circuit.
Although she is a stranger to

the first four circuits on the 1978 calendar—in Argentina, Brazil, Sonth Africa and California—it is the early races in the European section of the championship which she believes will give her her greatest test. She is confident of her ability to qualify the Hesketh regularly, but should the world championship trafi prove too difficult an assignment for her she will switch her effort towards the recently announced 12-race British formula one championship.

Peter Hout, brother of former world champion James Hunt, has become Davina Galica's racing manager, and with the hacking of a well-financed and experienced

manager, and with the hacking of a well-financed and experienced works team, who will be supplying her with both a race car and a spare, she has an excellent opportunity to demonstrate her true worth in the highest echelon of the sport. There can be few who have followed her sporting career to date who will not want to wish her well.

Motorcycling

Read returns full time

Phil Read, eight times world champion, is returning to full-time motorcycling in 1978 to ride for Honda Britain. Read will ride a modified Honda 750 F2 in the new eight-race formula one series and the Isle of Man formula one IT. He will also ride an Endurance Honda in the Superbike series, a 10-race series decided on a points total.

Read, who has turned down a number of offers to return to the

Davis Cup hero knocked out in first round

Sydney, Dec 13.—The Australian over Michael Cabill, also of the axis Cop hero John Alexander. United States. Davis Cup hero John Alexander. was knocked out of the New South Wales open tennis championships in the first round today by an unknown American, George Hardie, Hardie scored a 6—7, 7-6, 7-5 victory over Alexander, who won both his singles matches in Australia's Davis Cup victory Over-Italy carlier this month. The Davis Cup obviously took a

lot out of Alexander. He was also beaten early last week in the South Australian championships in Adelaide.

Australian veteran, overcame John Feaver of Britain 6-2, 6-2 Viras Gerulaitis, of the United States, achieved a 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 victory

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Football

Greenwood looking for responsible players

iust 19 matches

Ernie Bowe, Fulham's 24-year old centre half, is poised to play for Queen's Park Rangers against Liverpool on Saturday at Anfield. Bowe was knunediastely lined up to join QPR after QPR's manager, Fræsk Sibley, had completed the £140,000 sale of David Needham to Nottingham Forest, the first division leaders after just 19 sensor matches for the London club.

Mr Sibley's expenditure on Howe will be £50,000. He might have had to pay double had Howe not appealed successfully to an independent tribunal Derby County's Republic of Ire-

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Derby County's Republic of Ireland midfield player Gerry Daly
has come off the transfer list at
his own request. Daly was listed
last month after Tommy Docherty,
his manager, accused him of
"messing the club about."

Middlesbrough's middled player Graeme Somess plans talks this week over his future. The 24-year-old Scottish international is unsettled after his club rejected Liverpool's £325,000 bid for him

QPR after

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent
On his first morning as England's permanent football manager, Ron Greenwood decided that it was not too soon to dismiss the idea that he was "a bloody intellectual". He went on to say that what he considered more important was to have a lot of good players and a lot of commonsense. He had over used a blackboard in his life and would nor start now.

In a lengthy outline of his philosophy he revealed no revolutionary plans but attempted to clarify a few points of detail about his position as well as giving an indication of the way langland may develop under his guidence at least null the sammer of 1950 when his contract expires. That date was one of the first points to be raised. Was there time to rebuild? Why was it such a short the first from and the way alwayers are developing. There that he would struck the first house the firs

South to a full stop

By Stuart Jones

The distant surrounds of Norbury were already littered with
lights by the time the Public
Schools six-a-side tournament
ended yesterday. After six hours
of continuous play, Hulme Grammar School, the outstanding side,
stepped up to receive the cup
from Sir Harold Thompson, the
chairman of the Football Association.

Hulme's path started in the haze of early morning. Grouped with Hampton, Kimbolton, and Bradfield, they showed no favouritism, and dismissed each of them 3—0. They entered the last eight with five other Northern compatriots—Bolton, Bury Grammar School, Malvert, Wolverhampton Grammar School, Malvert, Wolverhampton Grammar School, Chester.

By then, the difference in approach had become clear. Those from the north used punctuation—commas, colons and even full

By Stuart Jones

In the other semi-final, Hulme, inspired by Clegg, gave a memorable display in routing Wolverhampton 7—0, no mean feat in 14 minutes. Clegg, a full-back with Blackpool reserves, scored four himself.

The final, played under an over darkening ceiling, was lit up by the two goalkeepers and ended, nor surprisingly, in a scoreless draw. But Hulme, showing tactical

are emerging now people with courage to take us back to positive football. There are more goals, more adventure, more people playmore adventure, more people play-ing wide and more people showing skill. Let's forget how defensive we were. Let's go forward." He felt that possibly the only reason why England had fallen behind internationally was because there had not been an established team.

had not been an established team. Now that people were getting disenchanted with defensive football he boped to see teams taking chances. His personal concept of deal football was "an expression of courage". In the past it was called the "whirl" and more recently "total football". Related to his plans it was "deither typically English nor typically continental".

The England players will probably notice only one immediate change from the era of Don Revie. They may not be asked to report to an hotel on the weekend before a midweek match. Mr Greenwood said that the players had told him they would prefer to play on the Saturday and so maintain their normal pattern. "They said they were bored", he admitted. "I would prefer to bave them in a happy frame of mind."

Needham leaves | Day when North brought Smith recalls Curtis to Wales attack through their prose at a consis-tently fast pace without a pause. They soon ran out of breath.

Eton and Alleyn's, holding high the southern flag, both fell at the same burdle, in the quarter-thal round. Their conquerors, Bury and Bolton, then faced each other in a dour, tight affair, settled by a lone goal in Bolton's favour.

awareness, took the title 2—1 on corners. It was no less than they deserved. The early favourites, their defence remained unbeaten and their collective opposition picked the ball out of the net 19 times.

Dortmund, W Germany, Dec 13.

Michael Smith, manager of the Wales football team to face West Germany in an international match here tomorrow, today recalled here tomorrow, today recalled Alan Curtis, of Swansea, to the

attack.
Curtis will fit in alongside Nick
Deacy, of PSV Eindboven, in the
absence of Liverpool's John
Tosback. Birmingham's Malcolm
Page has recovered from a calf
injury and is included. injury and is included.

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Namiedlo (Cavontry City)—Reuter.

Scotish International striker, described reports that he had rejected a £30,000 signing-on fee to join the Dutch side Ajax and a further £800 a week as ridiculous.

Skiing

Stenmark in sight | British team for

Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy,

Sweden, collecting more than 1.5 econds over the field on the second leg, won the first slatom of the mea's World Cup season of the men's warth Cup session here today. The 21-year-old Swede raus came within one victory of the record of 24 World Cup wins by Gest. or Theont of Iraly. Fattingly, Stammark's first win in the World Cup was on the same course here three years ago. He is the holder of the trophy.

In Flaine (France) West Germany's Evi Mittermajer and Monika Bader captured the top two places for the second day running in a women's European Cup

Miss Mittermaier, second yesterday, won today's event in Imin 45.38sec, with 18-year-old Miss Bader, yesterday's winner, coming second in Imin 46.37sec. Both share top position in the European Cup standings with a tally of 45 points each after two races.

Berne. Det 13.—The Interna-tional Ski Federation today rejec-ted an Italian claim that Austrian skier Franz Klammer wore a nonregulation suit when he won a World Cup downhill race at Val d'Isère. France, last Sunday. Klammer's suit was officially tested after the race and found to be perfectly in order, the FIS said.

Miss Pichter retires E Berlin, Dec 13.—Ulrike Richter, the triple Olympic champlan and warid record helder for the 100 metres backstroke today announced her retirement from competitive swimming. The 1S-year-old from Dresden said that

Latest European snow reports

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An addition to the British ski team who keeps the members from going downhill

A therapeutic touch on the slippery slopes

Stewart Fitzsimmons made no bones about it. "Let's put it this way", he said. "If it hadn't been for her I wouldn't have been racing today. He is a member of the British Alpine ski team; ste, Jennifer Brown, is a member of the team but in a totally dif-ferent capacity.

Asked what her standard of sking was, she told me at Val d'Isjare last week she "could do parallels in good conditions". But, then, her expertise lies elsewhere. She is a physiotherapist (hence the sturningly subtle pun at the beginning of this article), the first the Pictional ki Federation of Great Britain (NSF) have ever employed. United States.

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18 C. Gard Before we go any farther, "employed" needs clurification.
Miss Brown's engagement, for three months ending in the middle of February, is on an expenses-only basis. Deducting the four of February, is on an expensesonly basis. Deducting the four
weeks paid holiday and/or superannuation, while on leave of
absence from Charing Cross
Hospital, the loss of earnings
will be about £450. On top
of that she lashed out on new
clothing, to a large extent
unnecessarily, an amount not far
short of £200. She was not to
know that high quality clothing
would be supplied to her as a
member of the staff in the Alps.

Miss Brown was one of 60 or Miss Brown was one of 60 or

Miss Brown was one of 50 or so who answered an advertisement in August announcing that the NSF required a physic (everyone seems to use the abbreviation) for the Alpine team. She remained after a number of filtering pro-cesses had eliminated all her com-

She met the British team for the She met the British team for the first time at Hintertux, Austria, a month ago "feeling really nervous because I was among a lot of strangers and wasn't sure what to expect". She had been warned by one of the doctors at Charing Cross that "everyone would be hyper and I'd be a bit of a nervous wreck at the end of the three months. But they're a much more



Jennifer Brown, a Charing Cross Hospital physiotherapist, treating Stuart Fitzsimmons, a member of the British Alpine ski team, with her ultra-sonic "box of tricks" at Val d'Isère.

relaxed group of people than I imagined ". Within half an hour of her

patient, Anne Robb, who had damaged an ankle. The next day "four or five people came in with aches and pains". There has not been a single day since when she, and the complex equipment at her command, have not been called upon. But, she insists, she will not turn them into hypochondriacs. "If there's nothing wrong with them I tell them", she added. "I can be firm when I need to be. I want to create the

pionships at Garmisch-Partenkir-chen in February. I shall be sur-prised if they do not think the money well spent. If, as I sup-pose, she will have to be judged on results she has, in a technical on results she has, in a technical sense, already produced some. Fitzsimmons and Hazell Hutcheon would both have forfeited races, and therefore results, 'at Val d'Isère without her ministrations." I like them to think I can keep them racing", she says. "It's a nice feeling."

driacs. "If there's nothing wrong with them I tell them", she added. "I can be firm when I need to be I want to create the feeling that I'm here to help them but they've also got to help them. This new appointment is likely to cost the NSF about £1,000 in expenses before she returns to England after the world cham.

firness after a severe attack of gastric flu.

I asked Susan Berry, a member of the NSF's alpine committee, who was at Val d'isère, for an opinion of their new acquisition.

"I think she's doing a magnificent job", she said. "Regular treatment of strains and bruises is vital. Physiotherapy is something that can be done nucleus fully only if it is done regularly, which was impossible when we used to have to beg help from other teams. As a person, she other teams. As a person, she fits in extremely well with the team and is very sensitive to their Had this ministering angel and her box of tricks not happened on

the scene, Fitzsimmons, so he says "would have been lying in my room and moping last week instead of being able to work on She speaks in the clipped, pre

clse English you would expect of a woman who was educated at an English boarding school and rose to be ward sister. To be exact, she did not become a ward sister. Her qualification as an orthoher quantication as an orani-paedic nurse was designed to pro-vide her with a grounding in general medicine before taking physiotherapy at Guy's, At 29, she is now a "senior one physio", in charge of rebabilitation at Charing Cross. She was also res-possible for serious up a physiopossible for setting up a physic-therapy department at Rosslaud, a Canadian ski resort.

Miss Brown, alas, thinks "this is a one-off thing" because she doubts if Charing Cross would give

her leave of absence again. In that case she would probably be able to recommend someone else if the NSF wanted to repeat the experiment. I would jump off the nearest Alp to my left if they did not decide, by then, that what had been an experiment had become an essential requirement.

John Hennessy

who is not even British champton, will earn the remarkable sum of £13,500 for meeting Alfredo Evangelists for the European beavyweight title in Madrid in late January or early February. Ilm Watt, of Glasgow, will be paid £12,600 for defending the European lightweight championship against Pedro Fernandez in Saragoza, Spain, in a contest due to take olace within the next two to take place within the next two onths.

Both men will be earning by

Both men will be earning by far the biggest purses of their careers thanks to two remarkable bids by a Spanish promoter whose purse offers for the two contests, disclosed by the European Boxing Union yesterday, was far in execess of anything offered by British promoters.

This is a further indication of the big money available in European boxing today, although both British boxers will have to suffer the disadvantages of operating abroad in front of partisan crowds. Their chances of

winning will be considered markedly lower than if the contests had taken place on this country. Wart will be risking most. Not only is his Eor been title at stake but also has never acquired No 2 world ranking and his manager. Terry Lawless, and last night: "We would have taken a good deal less to have the fight in this country."

Recertheless, for 31-year-old Aird and Watt, who is 29, the size of the purses represents surprise Christmas presents surprise Christmas presents, and they stand to be considerably increased if the contests are televised, as will almost certainly be the case. The best offer lor the heavyweight contest from Britain was a total of \$25,600, For the Watt hour, it was \$5,000 less than the Spanish promoter's bid of \$21,600.

It will be Watt's third Euro-

It will be Watt's third Euro-pean championalist contest but Aird's first title bout in a long career. It is a just reward for a bover who has been on the fringe.

Greg Page, considered the best American hope for the 1950 Olympic heavyweight boxing gold medal, pounded Vyaciteslav Alekeyev for two rounds before the bout was halted.—Reuter.

Roy Hilton, a tormer A.B.A. champion, who boxed for England in the 1974 Commonwealth Games in New Zealand, has been reported

for allegedly striking the refered

in a contest at Coventry on Mon-day, Hilton, said to have landed two punches on the face of boar referee. Kesin Lynch, could face a possible life ban if the case is proved.

Second victory for Russians

Aird offered £13,500 for

European title bout

New Orleans, Dec 13.—The Soviet Union heat the United States 5—2 in the second of their two amateur international heavy weight boxing matches here last night. The Soviet Union also took the first match 6—4 last week in Las Vegas.

The Soviet boxers won the first four bours on the programme to the second secon

four bouts on the programme to clinch the outcome. One of their victories came from Igor Vysotsky. Who holds a win over Cuba's Olympic champion, Teofilo Stevenson. Vysotsky stalked Charles Garrett for three rounds for a manimous decision.

Charles Garrett for three rounds for a manimous decision.

A 23-year-old local prisoner. Phillip Brown, scored the most popular victory, coming back from an early cut eye to outpoint Viktor Tareschenko in the night's most exciting contest. He

of record in World Cup

Dec 13.—Ingemar Stenmark of

His time over the two legs was His time over the two legs was 110.82sec lying mird after the first leg, he speed through the 68 gates on the second run in \$5.03sec. Austria's Klaus Beideggar, runner-up to Stemmark in last year's World Cup, was second in 112.13sec. Lending after the first run, he lost almost two seconds to the Swede on the second leg. Third in the provisional classification was Bejan Krizaj of Yugoslavia, European junior champion, and fourth was Phil Mahre, an American.

downhill race, but in the opposite order from vesterday.

fce skating

season's championships

CHAIRDS OILSINGS

By Dennis Bird

There are no surprises in the team announced by the National Skating Association vesterday to compete in this season's international figure skating confests. After her convinces victory is the British women's championshin in December. Karena Richardson, from Stanmore, Middlesex, was an obvious choice for the European event in Strasbourg (January 2) to February 4) and the subsequent world championships in Onawa (March 7 to 11).

The number of nominees eligible depends on how well a country's representatives performed last time. As no British our finished in the top 10 in 1977. Miss Richardson will be the side entront; her chief rival, Deburah Courtill (Solthail) is named as reserve.

Robin Consins (Bristol), third in the last European Componenship, will compete for boin European and world tales, and as in such fine tree skating form at present that be may do even better in 1978. Only his compolator, figures raise a doubt. Ardrew Bestwick (Blackpool) will also compete.

Warren Manwell and Linet Thompson (Queen's Ice Club), runners-up in the 1977 world dance championship, head the ice dance team.

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No senior pair skaters are being sent abroad this winter, but a promising Bristol cornership will be entered for the International Skating Union's landor championships of Manney, Ericoga, March 20, 1986, 200. shins at Megeve, France (March 22 to 25). They are Robert Day, and 11-year-old Susan Garland.

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Coni's election means a climb to the top of Royal Regatta tree

Peter Coni was elected yesterday chairman of the committee of management of Henley Royal Regatta. Mr Coni's election comes as no surprise. This year he was appointed vice-chairman of the committee of management of the Royal Regatta—an appointment recognized by most as that ment recognized by most as that of heir apparent to Henley's key

Mr Coul succeeds John Garton, who indicated over a year ago that the would retire this year as chairman of the committee of management. Mr Garton was elected a steward of Henley Royal Regatta in 1960, became a member of the committee for management a year later and eventually chairman in 1966. Mr Garton steered the Royal Regatta for 12 continuous years until yesterday mantaining a regatta, which is the envy of the world in its organization and efficiency, to the highest standards in the face of continuing inflation. Mr Garton was elected president of Henley Royal Regatta at yesterday's meeting.

meeting.

Mir Coni's appointment will be popular. Mir Coni, aged 42, is a highly successful barrister who might be regarded as an "acqua whizz-kid", particularly taking into account the long history of the Royal Regatta. Mir Coni was only elected as steward of Henley Royal Regatta in 1974 and a member of the committee of management a year later. In three eyars he has risen to the top of the Royal Regatta tree. Mir Coni could also be described as a human dynamo with an insartable appetite for work which has left a long trail of successes in the sport.

sport.

Mr Comi rowed for his college at Cambridge and after graduating joined London Rowing Club in 1959. Three years later he was captain of the club and rowed for London in the Grand, Trymes, Wyfold and Prince Phil's Cups. The became Treasurer of London Rowing Club in 1965 and demonstrated his administrative abilities in running virtually single-handed a successful appeal which raised 372,000 for redevelopment of the famous Tideway Clubhouse. He is

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
The first class clobs, most
notably Bristol and Gloucester,
have been gending extremely
annious about the continuing
demands made upon their leadling players by the new system
devised by the Rugby Football
Umon this season which incorporates inter-regional and interdivisional matches, and provides
for the county championship to be
finished by the end of the year.

I suggested yesterday to Ton
Mehoney, the secretary of Bristol,
that if Rugland were to have an
ounstandingly successful season,
the system would be seen to have
proved its worth, and the clubs
might be prepared to take a less
joundiced view. But his reaction
was explicit. "Even if England
win all four of their internationals" he said, "the present
arrangement could mean the end
of the first class clubs. We cannot
go on as we are now."
The facts are that between

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The facts are that between

October 8 and January 21, when England play their first match against Fannce, any Gloucestershire player who has appeared in all the county, regional and divisional matches and then qualified for the national party in Paris, will have been available on only

Rugby Union



Peter Coni : should maintain Henley Royal Regatta's

Club.
Mr Cord became involved with Mr Cord became involved with the national administration of the sport in 1952 when he was elected to the council of the Amateur Rowling Association. He was elected to the ARA Finance Committee in 1963 and has served on it since. He became chairman of the ARA instructional committee when it was first formed in 1967 and a member of the ARA execu-

Clubs express anxiety over new system

XV against the United States.

The situation is no easier in the north, where they also are committed to county rugby on Saturdays, and where more group matches are played. From October 15 to December 17 inclusive, men like Alan Old and Andy Maxwell will have been available but once on Saturdays for their clubs. Leading Lancastrians were freed fof an extra day because their county failed to reach the semi-final round.

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round.

Still on statistics, let me come back to some further observations by Mr Mahoney. One is that Bristol took £280 at the gate from their match with the previously unbeaten Moseley side last week when, if the two sides had been at full strength, they could have expected £1,000 or more. Another is that between the start of the season and Easter his club can hope to field a full strength XV only three times at home. And a

Problems of the modern artist with modern popular sports

chester November Handkap.

The rise of popular, organized sport, in the second half of the 19th century, coincided with the rise of the camera. What was the point it began to be asked, of drawing or painting a sporting event, when a photograph would do it more accurately? What we might call the artists of the masses felt that they should be devoting themselves to the factory floors, and the artists of the classes felt that for a successful picture, there was still nothing like a grouse moor with a readily recognizable peer or two.

There were some exceptions.

warned. It is not kid-stuff, nor is to take the prices.

In some ways, apart from the financial ones (and I suppose even that is not too prohibitive, when you see these vast expensive toys on sale, speaking dolls, singing dolls, widding dolls—have you ried to buy your daughter just in ordinary doll lately? They ook at you as if you were an nemployed lept to ask for such thing). But in some ways this certainly a pity. For one thing, is certainly a pity. For one thing, is many of the artists take themelives, and the sports they portray, too seriously. The imp of humour is lacking.

The history of sports painting in about the middle of the last rentary, the sports of gendemen.—Tshing, shooting, hunting, racing—were respectable and admired whiects for at least low art. Tricket and boxing came in recause they had their aristocratic they were occasional participants). And so we inad all those early rints which are now so highly alued.

But as for High Art? Frith's amous painting of "Derby Day" "as acclaimed because it depicted to a race, but a national occained on a photographic base, in action, and even portraits of them, if they are dead and gone heroes, almost always increasingly capture, there was still nothing lice a grouse moor with a readily recognizable peer or two.

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Cudmore holds big lead

Cudmore, of Ireland, the defend- line.

Deal reached on TV

Geneva, Dec 13.--The European

television networks have reached a deal with the 1980 Winter Olympics organizers over rights for televising the games. A Euro-

Sydney, December 13.-Harry Gibbs, of New Zealand, next in

ing champion, skippered Silver In third place was the overall ing champion, skippered Silver
Shamrock III, held a 25-kilometre
lead in the final and deciding race
of the world Half-Ton champion.

A skippered Silver

by Peter Willcox, of New Zealand.

Rangiriri was followed by the Australian champion 22-69 skip-

ship tonight.

Silver Shamrock III was 16 One (David Forbes), of Australian Elementes east of Terrigal, 90 lia; Waverider (Tony Bouzald), kilometres north of Sydney, with of New Zealand and Industrious Swuzziebubble skippered by Ian (Ken Beashel), of Australia.

pean broadcasting union (EBU) official said here unday that the west and east European networks would pay \$4m for the Lake Placed rights.—Agence France-

Yachting

Winter stars poised to light up

Racing

Ascot

By Michael Seely

which automatically places him on the executive from where he can still influence the progress of the sport in this country. Mr Coul's term as chairman of Mr Com's term as chairman of the ARA executive spanned what might be considered as the most successful period in the history of the ARA. Mr Com was among the pressure group who influenced the appointment of the Crech Bohmmil Janousek as the British National Coach. Tais was the beginning of the long haul back in standards at international level and eight medals were won in the World, European and Olympic regattes between 1973 and 1977 after simest a decade of medal failure. His seven years in charge of the administration of British rowing witnessed, through mainly his influence, an enformous expansion in the world.

its international reputation as a sporting and social event of the highest calibre."

first class clubs—and in some areas the distate of leading players for county football—that fired Dickle Jeeps, then president of the RFU, to push through the new divisional system. Whatever else may be said about it, at least is provides the basis for a logical and thorough sifting of talent.

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However, it is clear that, sooner rather than later, something has to give, otherwise some of the top clubs will be going broke. There is a case, no doubt, for dropping the first round of interregional games or, perhaps, the division Ichmax due this Saturday. If the new regional/divisional programme is persisted with in too, then there must be a strong case for playing all county group matches in mid-week. Some of the south-western clubs seem to be coming round to this idea, but thangs are still seen in a different light in the north.

The RFU will never decise a

subject for a paintings, or a sculp-ture—I recommend you to "Study of Jumper in 3 Phases", by Susanna Holt—than mankind. The works of art you go away remem-bering are those about the horses.

It does make me feel that the painters of sporting homo sapiens

have some way to go yet, but Mr Sprawson's delightful exhibition remluds us that they are improv-

ROUEN: Men: China beat France, 5-1. Women: China beat France,

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Cana diena 5. Cicycland Burons 1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Dallas Cowboy 43. San Francisco 49ers 35.

CMRISTCHURCH: World clampion-ships: A. Nolan England) beat G. Parkh (Indis: 754-725; R. Kenner-iey (England) beat h. Kirinesa (NZ). 1.121-701; S. Alerm India) best D. Meredith (NZ). 1,000-922; M. Fereira (India) best J. Genna jun (Australia). 1.562-590.

SYDNEY: Sheffleid Shield: Queensland 233 and 378 for eight dec. New 5mib Wales 271 and 209 (P. Tochey 55, M. Clews 44; J. Thomson, five for 70). Queenstand won by 128 runs.

American football

Table-tennis

Ice hockey

Billiards

Cricket

Alan Gibson

By Michael Seely

The next two Cheltenham
Gold Cup winners may well be
seen in action at Ascot on Serurday. It will be an important
afternoon in the lives of Fred
Winter and John Francome.
Their six-year-old. Midnight
Court who gave such an electtrifying performance when
sprinting away from Ghost
Writer in the Kirk and Kirk
Handicap Steeplechase at the
last meeting on this course has
been installed a short-priced
favourite for the £6.000 SGB
Handicap Steeplechase, the
feature event of an embralling
programme. Hills so 2-1 and the
Tote 13-8 against this much
improved young horse. ing witnessed, infough mainty ma-influence, an enormous expansion in the work and the size of the ARA. He was chairman, too, of the Finance Committee for the 1975 World Rowing Champion-ships which were held in Great Britain and needless to say they ships which were held in Great Britain and needless to say they were an outstanding success.

Mr Com, too, proved himself a successful rowing coach during his short period as chief coach to Thames Tradesmen in 1973 when they won the Wyfolds' at Henley and missed the Ihames Cup by a narrow margin. He has in the last few years been closely involved in the financing and organization of London RC light crews who have gained a gold and two silver medals for Great Britain in the international championships.

All this and Mr Com has a busy and successful practice at the Bar and a wide range of interests outside sport. Perhaps some Henley stewards a generation or so beyond Mr Cond will regard this high-flier with some caution. But I have no doubt that Mr Cond will maimain the Henley Royal Regarta's success story. He himself recognizes the challenge. "Succeeding a chalman who for 12 years has managed the affairs of this great regatta with such efficiency is no mean task. Henley is part of what is best in our British heritage and I can think of no more worth-while activity than to maintain its standards and its international reputation as a sporting and social event of the

There were 11 acceptors at the four-day stage of declarations vesterday. Ghost Writer is second favourite with most bookmakers. Although Fulke Walwyn's 10-year-old is a course specialist and meets Midnight Court ton 10th better terms for a six-length beating he is unlikely to turn the tables. Midnight Court was only fiddling his fences until Francome sent him to the front three fences from home. From that point Midnight Court imped brilliantly and won with the proverbial ton in hand.

Both Banlieu and Prince Rock who are also prominent in the betting are doubly engaged having accepted for Sangster stands firm against big US offer for Alleged

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
The Queen's success on the turn in the silver jubilee year of her reign was acclaimed in Loudon yesterday at the annual luncheon of the Horserace Writers' and Reporters' Association when the Derby Awards were presented.

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physically since the Arc. His programme east year is likely to entail a crack at the Prix Ganay, the Eclipse Stakes and The King George VI and Queen Elizabem Diamond Stakes before he attempts to enulate his great grandsire, Ribot, who was the last horse to win the Arc twice.

Mrs O'Brien also had some very encouraging things to say about Try My Best, their unbeaten colt who heads our Free Handkcap and

Florida King touches down ahead of Barry John at the last in Plumpton's December Hurdle

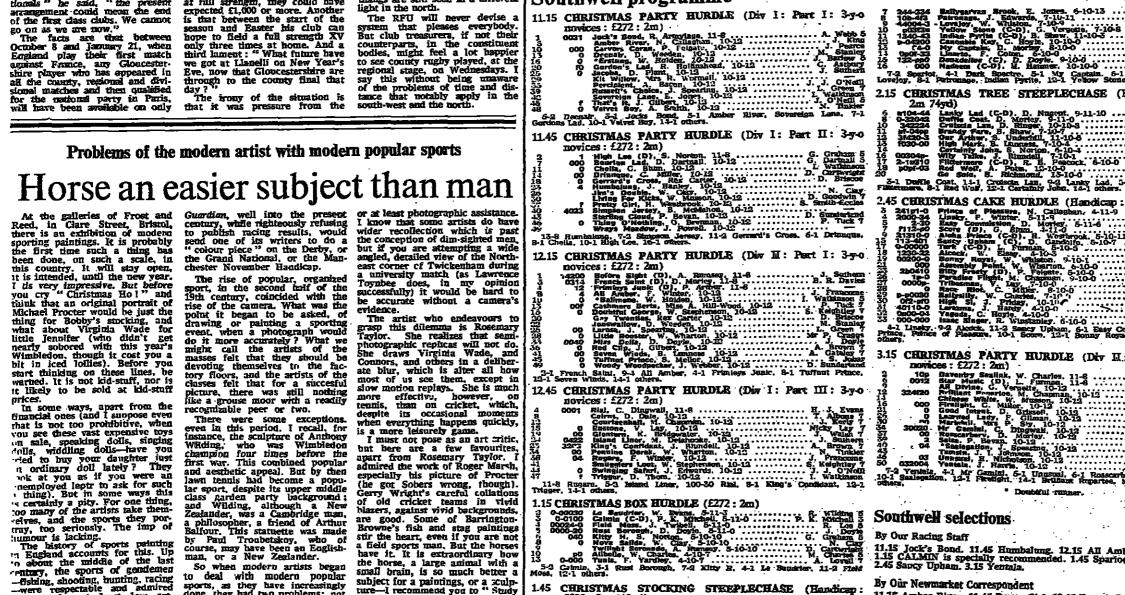
O'Neill passes 60-mark

The leading jockey Jon Jo
O'Neill reached the 60 mark yesterday with yet another treble, on Nice and Friendly, Eborneezersdouble and Urser at Teesside. The Triumph Hurdle is the long-term target for Urser, who was jumping in public for the first time. He came with a smooth rum to head Bandyke on the flat in the second division of the Wynyard Novices' Hurdle, and won by three quarters of a length, the second jumping winner of the length and a half.

Persian Camp hits target

There could not have been a more appropriate winner of the Peter Cazalet Memorial Challenge Trophy at Plumpton yesterday than the former Cazalet-trained borse, Persian Camp John Francome allowed the favourite to lob along until the fifth from home, where they jumped past Bredgins. Persian Camp won over hurdles here when trained by Cazalet, and following his death went to Frank Cundell. Then on his retirement, Mrs Monica Arnold, the owner,

Southwell programme



novices : £272 : 2m) J. Francome
I. Wattinson S
P. Tuck 7
S. Keightley V
D. Briscoe
M. Stanley
L. Green 7
Mr P. Crasgs
J. Doyle
A. Brown 7
A. Crasgs
D. Stanley
D. Sundertand
Tuffunt Prince 12.45 CHRISTMAS PARTY HURDLE (Day I: Part III: 3-y-o-

1.15 CHRISTMAS BOX HURDLE (£272: 2m) 1.15 CHRISIMAS BUA HURDLE (242:2m)
3 0-0030 La Saudier, W. Brans. 5-11-3
5 0-0100 Calmin (C-D), P. K. Minchell, 5-11-0
1 000240 Field Moss. J. Twisel, 5-11-0
5 0000-20 Rest Boroms, D. Doylo, 8-11-0
0 ON KITCH Salida W. Clay, 5-10-10
0 ON KITCH Salida W. Clay, 5-10-10
10 po Allegal W. Clay, 5-10-10
13 0-000 Tunis, F. Yardey, 4-10-7
5-2 Caring, 3-1 Sust Boroms, 7-2 Kiny E, 4-1 Le Sau Moss, (2-1 others.

1.45 CHRISTMAS STOCKING STEEPLECHASE (Handicap:

Plumpton results

1.0 Henrield Humble (2358: 2m)
Modigitani, b g, by Wrodin Rambier
—Sonamery (J. Codlett), 8-11-11
G. Jones (13-2)
Nicky's Mae ... S, Heres (13-2)
Olayo Gold Mr G. Moore (5-2 my) 3 ALSO RAN: 3-1 Tumble Rock (f). 9/2 Debemure, 12-1 Sir Weide, 16-1 Spray of Gold, 53-1 Purple Emperor (4th). 8 ran. TOTE: Win. £1.05; places, 540, 11p. 11p; dual forecast. £4.82; J. Prepy at Kington, 3i, 'al.

1.30 (1.32) KEYMER STEEPLECHASE
(Bandkrap: 1669: Sm)

Blue Fire: b g. by Majority Blue

- Light Bizze : Mrs S. Roberts:
9-10-13 : ... G. MaCourt : 6-1)

Flying Prince

M. O'Hallaran : 7.0 Sm)

3.0 (3.1) BITCHLING MURDLE (Div. Novices: 2480: 3m)

Hill Station. ch. p. by Sheshoon. Spice Suit (D. Woodlard). S-11-2

Geding R. Rowel (11-10 fay) 1

Con Hurley ... Mr G. Sloan (5-1) 2

ALSO RAN: 20-1 Capital Light Blaze (Mrs S. Roberts),
S-18-13 :... G. McCourt (6-1) 7

Flying Prince (Hailoran (7-2 fav) 2

Bamside ... Mr R. Alber (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Cover One (8),
6-1 Armani (44h) 7-1 Glanfold (1),
14-1 Rocal Tal (p), 30-1 Daveniry.

Grinslead, 15l, 5l.

Con Hurley ... Mr G. Stom (0-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 20-1 Gamingay (4th).

Beau Wonder (p), 25-1 Boogle Enight (Enight 2-p-0: 2273: 2m 1760d)

TOTE: Win, 210: places, 11p, 150: Messay, cf. 9, by Jolly Jon-Merry Meiody, cf. 9, by Jolly Jon-Merry Meiody (Max R. Litten), 11-3 ... D. Biscope (5-2 hr) 1

Likely Eng. R. McCandag (16-2), 2

Baryllean ... M. O'Shan (3-1), 3

Baryllean ... M. O'Shan (3-1), 3 TOTE: Win. 61.27; places, 30p. 11p. 17p; dual forecast, 91p. H. O'Nelli et Hoteham. 20t. 10t.

2.0 (2.1) DECEMBER MURDLE (Handless: 2710; 2m)
Fioride Kin- b' 2, by Soverdam Peth-Xamada (C. Sportbur),
5-11-7 ... 5, McNelli (13-2) 1
Sarry John B. R. Davise (11-2) 2
Jack Jight ... J. Akchurst (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Ambremont. 6-1
Oysfor Carther (44h), 15-2 Tal Ger.
B-1 Comet Kabostok, 10-1 Yound Hanchul. 16-1 Saraty Hill, 30-1
Winshow Boy, 25-1 Royal Bizer, 11
Kill. TOTE: Was, £1.59; places, £25, 11p. 13p; duel forecast, £1.89. D. Ringer at Newparkel. 64. 27al. Pairmen did not rul.

Lord Browndold N. O'Halloran (13-8) 3 ALSO RAN: 9-1 Brown Jock (4th). 50-1 Monksgrungs, Old Smokey, 6 mm. TOTE: Win. 160: places, 11p. 27p; dual forecast, 21.09. R. Head, at Lambourn, 151, 31.

3.30 (3,32) DITCHLING HURDLE (DIV II: Novices: £461: 5m) Nice to See Yes, br c, by Tarcoum
—Lovely Kate (G. Macdonald),
4-11-0. P. Barton (16-8 (20) 1
Belly Prince . M. Stantey (2-1) 2
Bon Scariet . R. Rowell (20-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 8-1 Whistless Lene.
12-1 Benny's Boy: Boxing Metch.
Loons Kol. 16-1 Le Dishbis (Sin): ST
Soverin (p). 20-1 Derry Town., Fact
N Loose, May I Say Tango Sirve.
Faronk (p). Stretts. 15 7an. TOTE: Win, 29p; pieces, 14p, 20c, 89p; drai forreast, 44p. D. Gandolfo, at Wantage, 21, 21.

2.15 CHRISTMAS TREE STREPLEUMASE (DEBUGE 2m 74yd)

6 r104-44 Lanky Lad (C-D), D. Nugert, 9-11-10

9 -32042 Deffite Coat, D. Moriey, 9-11-0

10 -32042 Original Law, D. Ringer, 10-18-8

11 38222 Craiseis Law, D. Ringer, 10-18-8

12 38220 Coat, D. Moriey, 9-11-0

13 38220 Coat, D. Moriey, 9-11-0

14 38220 Coat, D. Moriey, 9-11-0

15 16 003049 His Mark, B. Linarass, 7-10-4

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17 2-18310 Filtermere (C-D), R. E. Pescock, 6-10-0 Mr M. 12 pop-03 Rod Welf, A. Pulsa, 12-10-0

2-1 Deffie Coat, 14-1 Crossen Law, 9-2 Lanky Lad, 5-1 Our Filtermere, 8-1 Red Wolf, 12-1 Certainly John, 12-1 others. 2.45 CHRISTMAS CAKE HURDLE (Handicap: £496: 2½m) 2.45 CHRISTMAS CAKE HURDLE (Handicap:

24 2400-34 Linety, F. Winter, 5-11-9

2-30 Easy Countieston, D. Mortey, 5-11-6

7 213-05 Stay Countieston, D. Mortey, 5-11-6

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21310-0 Alexa Prince (C-D), R. Westerook, 5-10-11

21310-0 Alexa Prince (C-D), B. Westerook, 5-10-11

23 1230-22 Alcoset C-D), Essential, 5-10-5

24 220-22 Alcoset C-D), Essential, 5-10-5

25 20-20 Assembly Point, W. Winston, 9-10-1

26 10-0 Assembly Point, W. Winston, 6-10-0

27 0000-0 Benny Royal, W. Winston, 9-10-1

28 10-0 Paradies Flight, M. Chapman, 9-10-0

29 P-0030 Hallysilly, W. Chartes, 7-10-1

29 P-0030 High St., J. Priday, 10-10-6

20 072-970 High St., J. Priday, 10-10-6

20 0800-03 Yaseds, C. Hoyle, 4-10-0

3-1 0110-0 Laratma, J. Handy, 4-10-0

4-1 Linety, 9-2 Alcock, 11-2 Sancy Upham, 6-1 Easy Counties, Prince of Pleasure, 10-1 Score, 12-1 Bonny Royal, Others, Prince of Pleasure, 10-1 Score, 12-1 Bonny Royal, Others, Prince G. Holmes

O. N. Tinkler

O. J. Pearce

O. J. Kestry 7

D. Charles 6

G. Jones 6

G. J. Thomson 7

K. Gray

R. O'Donavan 5

1 Easy Commission, 8-1 Aloha

pany Royal, Billy Frosty, 16-1

2.15 CHRISTMAS TREE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 5606:

CHRISTMAS PARTY HURDLE (Div H.: Part H: 35-0 3.15 CHRISTMAS PARTY HURDLE (Div II: Part II: 3-y-0

100 Davenbry Seziliak, W. Charles, 11-8

101 Davenbry Seziliak, W. Charles, 11-8

102 Davenbry Seziliak, W. Charles, 11-8

103 Davenbry Seziliak, W. Charles, 11-8

104 Davis Seziliak, W. Charles, 11-8

105 Davenbry Seziliak, W. Charles, 11-8

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106 October Walter, W. Micharles, 10-12

107 Heinlight, C. Millior, 10-12

108 Davenbry, M. Carpenbry, 10-12

109 Davenbry, W. Carpenbry, 10-12

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107 Davenbry, W. Millior, 10-12

108 Davenbry, W. Millior, 10-12

109 Davenbr Doubled runner.

Southwell selections G. Graham 5 B. Clay By Our Racing Staff 11.15 Jock's Road, 11.45 How

11.15 Jock's Bond. 11.45 Humbalung. 12.15 All Amber. 12.45 Rugare. 1.15 CALMIN is specially recommended. 1.45 Spariot. 2.15 High Mark. 2.45 Sancy Upham. 3.15 Yentala. By Our Newmarket Correspondent

11.15 Amber River, 11.45 Pretty Girl. 12.15 French Saint, 12.45 Trigger, 1.45 My Captain, 2.15 Cruiscin Lan. 2.45 Prince of Pleasure, 3.15 Rosscarbery.

Teesside Park 2.15 (2.16) LADBROKE TEESSIDE HURDLE (Handlesp: 2874: 2m

1767d)

12.45 (12.47) WYNVARD HURDLE (Div 1: 3-yo nosices: 2540: Geo's Asp. ch g. by Candaby—12.1 (20-1) (2 Joily Tripper .. M. Hamcock (3-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-3 Bothly Kempinski
(f). 7-1 Away Swallow. 14-1 Silver
Shadow (4th). Robins Song, 16-1
Lady Val. 20-1 Les, Tarkim River.
Saint Just. 33-1 Socioella. Priendly
Zhoice, General Patterns. Ledy-LeGros. Mrs. Higgins, Noroll. Star
Altraction. Warnsland. Pennys Pet (g).
Portomore (f). 21 ran.

TOTS. Win. 259: piaces, 130, 19p.
SA.86; dual forecast, 25p. P. Roban.
21 Mainon. 1'sl. 31. AISO RAN: 11-2 Take Aim (4th). 9-1 Market Maid. 12-1 Golden Gum, vulcan Trail. 20-1 The Schemer. General Symopole. 9 ran. TOTE: Win. 40b; places, 19p, 14p. 12p; dual forecast, 65p, R. Carrer, at Swattern, 11. hd. The winner was bought in for 650 gns. Bornecorridable, br g, by Ebornecorridable, br g, by Ebornecorridable Leaf J. Crais).
8-11-5 J. J. O'Noff (4-9) 1
Fracorridable ... E. Lainh (10-1) 2
ALSO RAN: 2-1 Catch the Mind (u). 5 ran.
TOTE: Win, 31p; dual forecast, 18p.
E. Carter, at Malton. G.

2.48 (2.46) LAMBTON STEEPLE-CHASE (Novices: E741: 3m Sind)
Lord Brac, 9 a by probaby New Brig-Bridesberg (Mr. F. 1816). ...
11.3
Godlegoog Mr. T. Tate (14-1). 4
Godlegoog Mr. Orde-Powelett (10-11) 2
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The exhibition does not include designs for his most famous commissions, but does have plans and photographs of one of his private houses—the Bernatzik House in Vienna, started in 1912. Everything from the garden to the door

from the garden to the door-knobs is designed by Hoffmann, and the circular dining table stands on a circular carpet and is laid with Hoffmann glass and is laid with Hoffmann glass and cutlery. In 1932 he redesigned one of the rooms for the second generation of the Bernatzik family in order to incorporate their collection of tribal art and textiles. The results seem successful, solidity combined with light and variety, though more hig photographic enlargements would have been helpful.

The major part of the exhibi-tion is devoted to design draw-ings for objects such as chairs, tables, vases, electroplated baskers, jewellery, coffee pots and glasses, plus a selection of some of the objects themselves. These, if simply regarded as aesthetic objects (and most are for sale), are disappointing knowing that Hoffmann admired Mackintosh, and consulted him over the founding of the Werkstärre, it is difficult to look at Hoffmann's tenturive and clumsy outlines on squared paper without recalling Macand clumsy outlines on squared paper without recalling Mackintosh's ease and originality of line. Good designers do not necessarily have to be immensely gifted artists, but in Hoffmann's case the awkwardness in method tends to be re-flected in the final objects and decorations. A child's earliest environment mainly consists of the furnishings of its home, and I found myself wondering what would be the effect of growing up in series of Hoffmann inter-

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Glenda Jackson and Silvio Narizzano on the set of The Class of Miss Macmichael

Narizzano and his East End kids

For eight years Glenda Jack-son has wanted to play Miss Macmichael. Oliver Reed, her co-star on one of her most successful pictures, Women in Love, wanted to play Miss Mac-michael's headmaster.

The story interesting these two highly reputable British actors (also still British-based) concerned an East End school for delinquent adolescents with for desinquent adolescents with all the universal mixed-neighbourhood, split family problems. It was local, yet judging by such American films as Blackboard fungle, hardly parochial. Yet not one single British producer gave it a penny of finance and the thing remained a castle in the air for American producer Judd for American producer Judd Bernard until last September when George Barry, the American president of Brut perfumes, made a professional decision on the spot on an overnight trip to London.

to London.

"Disgraceful", says director Silvio Narizzano, who is just finishing the shooting in London now. "The money is coming from the United States to do the ideal minibudget English picture. Nor Eddil, or Rank, or Nat Cohen, or Sir John Tenry, who is supposed to have a fund of Government money, would help."

help."
Narizzano, whose great success was Georgy Girl, is a Canadian of Italian stock, brought up in the fine television school of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, who has made England his home for I vears. His father was born in Maida Vale, but the first the director saw of this country was wen he came over to advise Granada in 1951 over the birth of commercial television.
"Like most Canadians I was South of the Border, down to New York, so I took the English contract for six months at first", he says. "I liked it here." Curiously enough Narizzano's

last picture was also about a school, though a very different one. Unreleased here as yet, it was called Why Shoot the it was called Why Shoot the Teacher? and starred Samantha Eegar as a desperate English immigrant to Canada in the Thirties. She gets briefly involved with an equally desperate city school-leaver whose only possibility of a job during the Depression years is as village schoolmaster in one of those parts of Canada which seems permanently under six. seems permanently under six. feet of snow

Compared with the characters in The Class of Miss Macmichael the children are charm itself, as is the story. "They were almost too good", says the director. "I kept saving Have more fun. Do silly little things like passing notes in class.' But they said: 'No, we'd never get away with that.'"

Narizzano cemembers his own

Narizzano remembers his own schooling in Montreal in the forties as being similarly sedate. He was educated first by the Protestant School Board and then by the Jesuit priests. "We used to tease the priests with things like 'What girl let you down, father?' But we'd rever get into the language of this present film. We didn't know what the words meant."

The Class of Miss Mac-michael, apart from relving on the novel which Californian teacher Sandy Hutson wrote about her actual experiences in a London school for difficult cases, gets its authenticity from a group of children from Bernnal Green who taught the Equity children how to behave. " I said to our actors 'Those

are the children you are. Observe what they do'", says Narizzano. "They more than surpassed in the advisory capacity. There is a great frankness in the script. The fact that they know about sex. fact that they know about sex, they discuss it, that children of this age do sleep together and use foul language. It is all recorded fact, including children coming into class drunk after the kunch hour. Unbeknownst to the education authorities I looked at all their renorts about violence in the schools. the number of schools burnt down. I don't think they would disagree with the basis of this novel. Our film certainly doesn't have a message. It would be wrong for us to have anything to say in this country in the field of education then 32 White Papers have been prepared on the subject.

"The conflict of the film is the combination of Oliver Reed, who is a strong disciplinarian with very little compassion, and Glenda Jackson, who has the compassion but very little strength. Unfortunately two such human beings rarely com-bine, so they both fail the child-Miss Jackson, alias Miss Mac-

michael, also has an American lover, the versatile Michael Murphy, who is one of Robert Altman's repertory favourites,

and recently played the writer for whom Woody Allen fronted in The Front. Their affair gives the children the endless opportunity to explore the subject of sex before marriage, which Reed points out sternly is not in the curriculum. "His attitude is 'If you want to discuss sex, sell them wedding rings'", explains Narizzano. "To which she replies 'I am a teacher, not a jeweller'. I hope that is the level of humour and black comedy we will achieve in the film because it is after all a comedy.

"The point is that if children can see adults behaving like pas-sionate, reasonable human beings they will want to join the human race, but what most deprived children see is adults who are not particularly attractive, starting with their own parents who are the products of divorce and alcoholism, so why should they want to join? The teacher tries to go to the education authorities about Reed, but as she is not a jeweller neither is she a politician. It is very hard to complain about your head master under the system working in this country where you have to get a letter from your headmaster to say you are going to complain about him."

Narizano, a slender greying man in his late forties, has no children himself. "I am the last person to be doing anything about children, though maybe I this age do sleep together and use foul language. It is all recorded fact, including children coming into class drunk after the kunch hour. Unbeknownst to the education authorities I looked at all their reports about violence in the schools, about the Tyndalc school and the number of schools hurt the schools hurt the schools hurt the schools hurt the schools have a feeling for letting kids he themselves letting kids be themselves.
When I first selected the 110 kids in this film I said to them, there are two stars in the pic ture, but it is not called The Storp of Miss Macmichael it is called The Class of Miss Mac-michael. This i syour film and you must speak up.

"Glenda's attitude was similar. I had a counte of meetings with her before we started shooting and she said 'I don't think there is any point in discussing what we are going to do until we meet the children themselves. I'll react 'to what they give me.' So a lot of the dialogue is improvised. Believe times. 'Oh, we wouldn't so, ugh, that's corny.'."

Man Alive BBC 2

Michael Ratcliffe

After so shocking and renacious a programme as this, 'better keep first to the facts that are not in dispute. In January, 1976, a Yorkshire woman suffered a brain haemorchage and went to hospital for an operation which is normally performed between five and 10 days after the bleeding with a very fair chance of success. The head surgeon, however,

had a second haemornbage.

When he returned three and a half weeks later the operation was started by his registrar, and the surgeon, who was teaching students at the time, arrived to complete it 10 minutes after an aneurysm had burst. Twenty minutes after that the woman was dead. The head anaestherist refused to work with the sur-geon thereafter on the grounds that he was too overcommitted to guarantee a safe schedule of shared work, and the other anaesthetist followed suit. There were two inquiries into the nine and a half-week dispute by the local beath authority both of which assigned blame very generally without considering in any detail the woman's Alan Patient's programme

Main Patient's programme was at pains to stress that the questions raised by this frightening affair were not exclusive to the area but occurred throughout the National Health Service whenever leading consultants were paid to be in two or three places simultaneously

story it parely succeeded but the greater questions of public accountability and personal power beyond those fears remain and will surely lead to one hell of a row.

Balfour Gardiner Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

Only two of Balfour Gardiner's own works found their way into the Chamber concert presented by the Redcliffe Society on Monday in honour of the cen-tenary of his birth. The rest of the programme went to four of his contemporaries, Quilter, Bax, Delius and Grainger. That would have pleased him. For he cared as much, if not more, about the music of his friends as about his own, and was for-tunate enough to have the private means to promote their cause, not least in those legen-dary concerts at Queen's Hall in 1912 and 1913 carrying his name.

According to the programme-note, the late Gerald Finzi once declared: "If we had tried to back a winner among the young men who were born between 1870-80, one would have backed Erlfour Gardiner before Vaughan Williams and Holst as far as early promise was con-cerned."

He was not quite 30 when he produced the one-movement string quartet in B flat played by the Alberni Quartet on Mondar, a cunningly self-evolving as well as poetic little work deserving occasional airing although orchested smoothies, the already (in comparison with trials emphasized the devaughan Williams and Holst) originalize of both of betraying the anonymity in turn of the century scores.

Park Lane Group Purcell Room William Mann

Glenys Roberts

Jennifer Partridge.

The Baudelaire half may have been planned simply as a way of placing Jonathan Harvey's Correspondances, a new work for voice and planno based on pnems by Baudelaire, and commissioned by the Dickinson siblings: reasonable enough to precede it with a group of Debussy's Baudelaire settings, a compatriot's response to the compatriot's response to the great poet, and sensitively interpreted 200

Correspondances consists of

ECO Wind Ensemble St John's/Radio 3

Stanley Sadie

Wind Ensemble played it quite well together, too, in Monday's lunchtime concert; indeed I daresay that as regards technical splomb, in this most brilliantly and demandingly written of Mozart's wind sere-nades, they outdid the poor beggars of the Viennese street

many of the virtues of English wind playing. The compromise between blend and individuality

Jack Pizzey talked to mothers of spina bifida children who complained of the surgeon's absences and took their children to Sheffield where, they said, the teamwork of the NHS was far superior. He talked to the vicar who headed the inquinies and to a man who said that the first one was a whitewash and the second another coat of the same. He talked to the registrar, the only man who gave him a plain set of answers, and to the luckless went abroad and the woman widower, to whom he brought a few facts of the case for the first time (the only occasion, apare from a sharklike zoom at the vicar, when a false whill of Fleet Street crept in). He

ralked to the LHA chairman, a big fellow quite out of his

depth and—no other word will do, I am afraid—a booby. To

such Messieurs Jourdains the

lens never shows mercy.

and are not covered by sub-stitutes of comparable status

while they are away.

Neither the head surgeon nor the head anaestherist would appear on Man Alice, nor was Mr Patient allowed to film surgery inside the hospital; so for authenticity and a little reassurance he went to Plymouth where Pizzey talked to another surgeon and anaesthetist about the practicalities of tist about the practicalities of neurosurgical collaboration and we watched a skull opened and an anewysm clipped without daring to flinch. If this was intended to soften the fears

duced by Frankfurt training. Even heard after Bax's roughly contemporaneous Lyrical Inter-lude for string Quintet (and how sensitively the Albernis, with Patrick Ireland as second viola explored its lovely tex-tures), the Gardiner quartet seemed a little bland.

The first half ended with seven of Gardiner's songs, all save one English setting, which were artfully juxtaposed in the programme with Quilter's Seven Elizabethan Lyrics. It was Gardiner who emerged the more characterful as well as questing in harmony, not least in the strange Goethe setting. "The Wanderer's Evensong", even if his Frankfurt friend and exact contemporary produced a more elegantly moulded line. Both composers were excellently served by the baritone. David Wilson-Johnson, and his pianist, David Norris; the singer had the tone, now in-timately fluid, now robust, ro uphold his imaginative response to mood.

ponse to mood.

The concert ended with two rartiles for two planos, a previously unperformed arrangement (by the conductor, Julius Burbs, revived by the commoser and Eric Fenhy) of Delius's not turne, "Poris", and Perry Grainver's Hill-Song I. Even if the nimists, John Kozar and Francis Routh, were mable in recomme the maric of Delins's orrhestral concrities, they certainly emphasized the daring originality of both of these

The piano interludes sound all too brief for their proposed contents, being entitled "Life", "Love" and "Death". The accentuation of certain consonants in "Benediction" by

planist as vocal to the singer

seems incompletely justified, though an artistic aim is behind

it, and behind the composition

as a whole, incompletely focused

missioned by the Dickinsons, was included in the second half

of the recital. Andresz Panuf-nik's Dreamscape does not set

Joyce: it is a vocalise into piano, developing a simple phrase in several rhythmic and

nicrotonal directions, the real-

lts imaginative world, ento-

tional exploration, and economy

delicacy and character, and by

when he began the third sett

ing, Barber's, which most firmly makes the contrasting point of "Sleep no more". None of the

composers represented truly matched the undoubted inusical

character of Joyce's poems, though Szymanowski came quite close in his "Goldenhair". That

was not the fault of the Dickin-sons or Partridges who offered much enjoyable music-making.

melody only emerging midway.

Another new work, also com-

as that whole may be.

A song recital devoted to the work of one or two poets, as treated by several composers, nature of poetry and its relation from the conventional form of from the conventional form of programme-building. Park Lane Group on Monday paired Charles Baudelaire and James Joyce in that manner, and further divided each half between a brother-sister due, Meriel and Peter Dickinson Lun and Peter Dickinson, Ian and Jennifer Partridge.

then returning to earlier, half-perceived manifestations. of resource made their effect in a nicely judged performance. Joyce's poetry was heard in settings by Szymanowski (Panufnik's compatriot) of real American composers, Persicherti, Sessions and Borber, Inn Partridge had to sing Joyce's by the "Sleep now" three times, as a meaningful glance indicated

four songs and three piano interludes: they can be performed in any order, and the composer likewise expects the pianist to vary his accompaniments from one performance to the next, choosing from given musical material of a dramatic, often explosive decidedly aspiring nature. In this first performance it matched the vocal line, delivered with ringing passion by Miss Dickinson.

The gentlemen who executed

"The gentiemen who executed it are poor beggars who, how-ever, play quite well together", wrote Mozart after a perform-ance of his wind derenade K375. The English Chamber Orchestra band. These ECO members_typify

is nicely held; the ensemble tone is rich and throaty, its inner lines well defined. The attack is generally unified enough to have an almost per-cussive quality, for example in the finale of K375 or (still more markedly) in certain of the variations in the finale of its C minor companion piece, K388.

In that work, however, they favoured slowish tempos, parti-cularly in the first movement, which in consequence was sombre rather than urgent. The Andance was beautifully done, its detail sensitively pointed, its cadences delicately shaped, above all by the first oboist, Neil Black; and the trio of the minuet, the double canon by inversion for oboes and bassoons, was done with a subtlery and refinement that aspired to the world of the string quartet -and that, after all, is by no means inappropriate in a work that Mozart himself later thought fit to reset for strings. If K388 is the oboist's serenade, K375 rather belongs to the clarinettists. Their sound occasionally seemed a shade shrill; and there were one or two moments of unease over pitch, from the clarinets when cold and bassoons when warm. But K375 gave pleasure for its properly maestoso first movement, its easy virtuosity, and -Mr Black again excellingof the slow movements. The recital wil be rebroadcast on Saturday: listeners will find the introductory remarks referring to sonata form grotesque, or at best hilarious.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Samsova back to base By the time the National Ballet of Canada comes to

By the time the National Ballet of Canada comes to Europe again next May, it will have added another of Ashton's major works, The Dream, to its repertory. Meanwhile it has already followed up the success of La Fille mal gardee, which Ashton personally supervised for its Toronto premiere a year see with one of his a year ago, with one of his ministures, the original Monotones, which was rehearsed at the same time as Fille although not given until later. The need for only three dancers on a bare stage makes this a valuable piece for the company's tours through Canada, sometimes to towns with limited thearre facilities, but I am sure it looks best on the bigger stages such as the O'Keefe Centre in Toronto where I saw it the other day. There the white-clad trio is There the white-clad trio is Peter Schaufuss, who has picked out in the middle of a left New York City Ballet to dark space, glowing like gents become one of the Canadian against black velver or stars in company's leading men, danced dark space, glowing like gems, against black velver or stars in

night sky. the girl, has a supple flexibility of movement and a beautifully elegant curved line that makes her at least as good as anybody I have seen in this some bravura solos which role since its incomparable Schaufuss performed explosi-creator, Vyvyan Lorrayne, vely, full of difficult twists and creator, Vyvyan Lorrayne. Miguel Garcia and James Kudelka never disrupt the stage. serenity of the choreographic Over the last year or two composition but self-effacingly Schaufuss has burst into the centrate on their partner.

guest ballerina: her first time is lucky to be able to gather in this role and her first per-together such a galaxy of stars. formance for 14 years with the company where she became a

ballerina before leaving for an An innate warmth shines through Samsova's dancing. It makes her very apt for one aspect of the sylph's nature, the spontaneous concrete. aspect of the symple batter, the spontaneous generosity with which she cares for James, but is less well attuned to the obverse of that quality, the fact that the sprite is literally and metaphorically heartless.

and metaphorically heartless.

Semsova's style, however, is
exceptionally well suited to
Bournouville's choreography.
The easy lightness of her
jumps, with no apparent preparation, helps the illusion of
flight, and the open breadth of
her arm myempens is also her arm movements is also right for the role. It may take further experience of the role to get the character entirely right but the dancing is already a pleasure to see.

James. In this production he Nadia Potts, whom I saw as has a long duet with Effie in be girl, has a supple Elexibi- Act I which Bruhn has interpo-ty of movement and a beauti- lated with his own choreography in a pepped-up pastiche of Bournonville's idiom. It offers turns bounding around the

This work and a revival of Jerome Robbins's Afternoon of a Fann, feelingly danced by Karen Kain and Frank hag, Madge, with a raddled Augustyn, were given with Erik Bruhn's idiosyncratic version of La Sythide. This was a special performance honouring Bruhn, who has been closely associated with the company over the years as perinteresting to see artistry such former and producer, and welformer and producer. The National Ballet of Canada guest ballerina:

allow all the attention to con- top ranks of male dancers, closely rivalling in technique and This work and a revival of brilliance his slightly older ferome Robbins's Afternoon of contemporary Baryshnikov.

John Percival

The showman and the showgirl

Like Dolls or Angels King's Head

Irving Wardle

Stephen Jeffreys's lunchtime piece gets off to a lively start with the sight of Prunella Gee preparing to be cataputed across the river Severn while her manager harangues the gloating crowd over a loud-

Escaping with nothing worse

Escaping with nothing worse than bruises, she next appears reclining in the office/bedroom she shares with her boss, wating to hear how much the show has cleaned up: at which point the theme of public blood-lust gives way to that of the partners' relationship. This turns out to be a reworking of the out to be 1 re-working of the old story of the wicked showman and the ili-used showgirl: with the difference that Miss Gee's Zuki is an ex-Roedean girl with a cut-glas; accent, and her boss is a working-class former stunt man who lost his nerve and now makes a living by flog-ging others around the wall of death and the ring of fire. Finally it is he who collects the pathos; and Mr Jeffreys, true to melodramatic genre, leaves him clutching a lifesize rag doll. It is an emphatic play: ren-

dered the more so in Diane Cilento's production by sledge-hammer lighting effects and the apoplectic rages of Rupert Frazer as the boss/lover. Business apart, the piece does not clarify why Zuki finds it so hard to leave him. But it carries total conviction as a backstage study of the stunt game: how deals are made, how nerves break, how it feels to be in perfect training and supreme physical control. This side of the piece is eloquently handled by both actors, and even when stripped of her space suit one can well besieve in Miss Gee's translation from a gawking debutante to a human canon-

With the street parties over for the duration, and the summer's burning now looking decidedly

to each selected book.
Critics who may be a little surprised at some of the 221 looks which Mr Townsend has

chosen to represent the excitements of this quarter of a century are partially disarmed at

the start. Mr Townsend makes it clear that he is selecting almost exclusively "original work for children . . by

British and Commonwealth writers and artists" (that means no non-fiction, and no

aditional literature unless imaginative retelling and outstanding artwork have combined to form a distinguished new

book"). Furthermore he properly emphasizes the personal nature of the selection. Here is work that he considers

have "literary or artistic rit"—so it's no good look-

ing for Mr Anthony Buckeridge's Jennings just because he was a popular character, and it's no good looking for the collected stories of Mrs

collected stories of Mrs Josephine Kamm just because they provide a guide to adoles-cent's problems of the period. Books have been admitted only

they give enjoyment "as

But like many a cataloguer before him, Mr Townsend breaks most of his own rules.

For one thing—if my arithmetic is correct—his choice actually

is correct—ms choice actually spans 26 years, since his earliest inclusion is Mary Norton's The Borrowers of 1952 and his latest is Jenny Wagner and Ron Brooks's John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat, published this autumn. For a second thing his includes at least run American

he includes at least two American books: Russell Hoban's Bedtime for Frances and The Mouse and his Child. For a

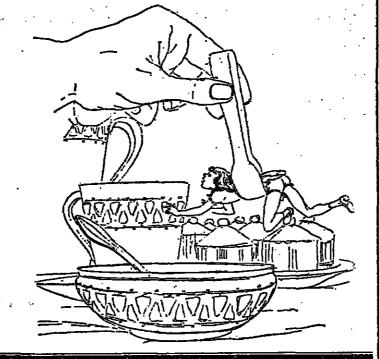
third thing he confesses an intense dislike of Roald Dehl's Charlie and the Chocolate Fac-

tory, but puts it in because it is "so vastly popular". And for a fourth thing his self-imposed provisos about traditional literature lead bim to the

has been so much in the way of retellings and picturings of

A long tradition of British books for children





Left: The Big Pick-up: drawings by Arthur Hughes for George MacDonald's Dealings with the Fairies (1867) and right: Pat Marriott for Joan Aiken's All and More (Cape, 1971)

made out for many such books to be at least as distinguished as the "orizinal creative work ". Once Mr Townsend has admitted so uneven and "popular" a compendium as Raymond Briggs's Mother Goose Treasury one is bound to start asking why he's omitted, say, Kathleen Lines and Barold Jones's Lavender's Blue, or a whole batch of highly entertaining alphabets and counting books.

But, as be anticipates, "nobody can be expected to agree with me all along the line" and the strength of this exhibition is very much the personal assessment of what counts for originality and distinction in our most recent publishing for children. Mr Townsend offers no abstract arguments as to what the enjoyment of books through his annotations be makes clear the quality that each book bolds for him. He is aware of shortcomings either those which he feels himself those which he feels himself (the "intrinsically rather ordinstories of the Wombles), or those of other people (he tries to summarize objections to as been so much in the way. The God Beneath the Sea as fretellings and picturings of charges against "excessively raditional themes during this florid diction"—but presents

For all its celebratory character, however, the exhibition has me given final proof that, despite the excitements, post-war English children's literature has not been quite as exceptional as we think. A few years ago it was customary to speak as though some tre-mendous renaissance had mendous renaissance had occurred in the nineteen-forties and a new breed of superauthor had arrived who would make things new as never before. But now, with his fresh and enjoyable exhibition, Mr Townsend has enabled us to see that this renaissance was not really anything more than an energetic continuation of a long

A mere charting of the publication dates of books in the exhibition is enough in itself to might expect to find an even distribution of great or neargreat books one gets in fact a few major contributions from the fifties and sixties, diluted by a mass of more recent material which has not yet fellen into perspective. The fallen into perspective. The first 13 years of the Queen's reign supply Mr Townsend with

most of his 221 examples with bold enthusiasm.

For all its celebratory characters of his celebr tention that only 10 or 12 per cent of his chosen books will be around in another 25 years

There is a second proof which is also worth propound-ing—inspired by that other children's book exhibition curchildren's book exhibition cur-rently running in London, the "After Alice" display at the Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood. What, one might ask, would Mr Townsend's catalogue have contained if it celebrated the 25 years from 1852 to 1877 3 1852 to 1877? For this period too was an

exciting one for children's books. It saw the emergence nto full vigour of the tradition within which our authors still work and it produced illustrative triumphs which our graphic artists today have suddenly discovered to be a fruitful source for imitation. Among the early successes shown in that exhibition you would find Kingsley's Heroes (a damo sight better than The God Beneath the Sea), and Thackeray's Rose and the Ring; Tom Brown would be off to school, and George MacDonald dealing with the fairies. And

1967 as his annus mirabilis (with Garner's Owl Service, Peyton's Flambards, Cresswell's Piemakers, Garfield's Smith, etc) the Victorians did not do etc) the victorians and not do too badly in 1872 with Carroll's Through the Looking Glass and Mrs Ewing's Flat Iron for a Farthing, More Nonsense from Edward Lear and Singsong from Christina Rosseri, Jean Ingelow was even looking for ward to aeroplanes and electric light in the closing numbers of that notable journal Good Words for the Young. But just as Mr Townsend's

25 years contain their quota of what he calls "the new didacti-cism"—the books that later generations will see as seeking to instil desired attitudes—so no doubt, Alice would have been joined in her pool by improving picture books from the Religious Tract Society and by a horde of sentimental street-Arab stories, jerking tears to add to the flood. It's not particularly easy, so close to see the frailties even of "literary merit" and, as Mr Townsend wisely reminds us, we, like the Victorians, cannot expect to pass on much to our successors.

Brian Alderson

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Innocent misrepresentation: liability under new law

Howard Marine and Dredging Co Ltd v A. Ogden & Sons (Excavations) Ltd was perfectly honest in saying 1.500 tomes. Ltd looks Register which gave their deadweight as 1.800 tomes. but it was a mistake—2 very lart deadweight as 1.800 tomes. but it was a mistake—2 very lart deadweight sold that the deal deadweight was 1.055.135. To a misrepresentation as to the dead weight copacity of two barges made by their marine manager in an interview during negotiations. The Court of Appeal, the Master of the Rolls dissenting, held that barge owners were liable in tortunder section 2(1) of the Misrepresentation Act, 1957, for a misrepresentation as to the dead; weight conacty of two barges made by their marine manager in an interview during negotiations which led to a contract for their misrepresentation was not franchient but wrong, the representor had not proved that he had resonable ground to believe, and did believe up to the time the contract was made, that the facts he had represented were true. presented were true.

presented were true.

Their Lordships, in judgments reserved since June, allowed an appeal by engineering contractors, A. Ogden & Sons (Excavations) Ltd., of Otley, Yorkshire, from Mr Justice Bristow who had awarded 597.510 to Howard Marine and Dredging Co Ltd., of Buckingham Gate, London, on their claim for sums arising out of contracts for the lire of two barges on demise charter terms, and had dismissed a counterclaim by the contractors. The court reversed those decisions and granted leave to both parties to appeal to the House of Lords.

Section 2 of the Misrepresentation Act provides: "(1) Where
a person has entered into a contract after a misrepresentation has
been made to him by another
party thereto and as a result
thereof he has suffered loss, then,
if the person making the misrepresentation would be liable to
damages in respect thereof had
the misrepresentation been made
fraudulently that person shall be
so liable notwithstanding that the
misrepresentation was not made so abole horiestanding that the misrepresentation was not made fraudulently, unless he proves that he had reasonable ground to believe and did believe up to the time the contract was made that the facts represented were rue." Section 3 provides that "If any agreement... contains a provision which would exclude or restrict—
(a) any liability to which a party to a contract may be subject by reason of any misrepresentation made by him before the contract was made; or (b) any remedy available to another party to the contract by reason of such a misrepresentation: that provision shall be of no effect except to misrepresentation: that provision shall be of no effect except to the extent (if any) that, in any proceedings arising out of the contract, the court or arbitrator may allow reliance on it as being fair and reasonable in the circumstances of the case."

Mr Anthony Lloyd, QC, and Mr John G. C. Phillips for Ogdens; Mr Michael Thomas, QC, and Mr A. G. S. Poliock for Howards. The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in 1974 the Northumbrian Water Authority, about to construct a sewage works for Tyneside which required much excavation by contractors, taking the earth by conveyors to the riverside, tipping it into seagoing barges, and dumping it out a few miles to sea, invited tenders for the work. Among those invited were Ogdens, who had experience in disposing earth by land but none in dumping it at sea.

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To prepare their tender, Ogdens got into touch with Howards to quote a price for hiring barges. Howards had two German-built barges lying idle, bought from the German owners, and they had the file of German shipping documents in their London office. They sent their marine manager, Mr O'Loughlin, to Tyneside to see the material to be carried. He thought that the barges could do the work, and as a result of a letter and two telephone conversations. Ordens firmly believed that each barge could carry 850 cubic metres of "in-dig" clay weighing 1,700 tonnes. But unbeknown to them the clay would be far too heavy. the clay would be far too heavy.

Ogdens' tender of £1,847,647 was accepted and then they negotiated with Howards to acquire the barges. Ogdens prepared a questionnaire of 31 questions on all sorts of matters. A meeting took place on July 11 at Otley. One question was: "Capacity of barges." Mr O'Longhlin's answer, noted down by Ogdens, was found by the judge to be that the capacity of each barge was \$50 cubic metres and that that was about 1,500 tonnes subject to weather, fuel-load and time of year. The

If that was wrong so far, there remained the exception clause. By section 3 the question was whether "reliance on it is fair and reasonable in the circumstances of the case". In his Lordship's view Howards should be allowed to rely on it. Ogdens having had six mouths' use of the barges ought to pay the bire for them. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE, though considering that Ogdens established no claim against Howards in contract, said that the more difficult question was whether Mr O'Loughlin's undoubted misrepresentation gave

sentation made with the object of getting the hire contract for Howards. They got it; and as a result Ogdens suffered loss; but the judge found that he was not negligent and so Howards were not liable for it. In his Lordship's loss the indee's view was en-

not liable for it. In his Lordship's view the judge's view was entrely justified. He found that the Lloyd's Register deadweight figure stuck in his mind; and that the figure he had seen in the German shipping documents did not register; that that afforded reasonable ground for him to believe that each barge could carry 1,600 tonnes; and that he believed that. The judge must have considered the burden of proof was discharged.

rise to any liability in tort either under the 1967 Act or at common law.

Under section 2(1) would Howards be liable in damages if the misrepresentation had been made fraudulently—if he had known it was untrue? On the plain lenguage of the Act, athough there was no allegation of fraud. Howards must be liable unless they proved that Mr O'Loughin had reasonable ground to believe, what he said about capacity.

Infortunately the judge did not

what it a said about capacity.

Unfortunately the judge did not direct his mind to the question whether Mr O'Loughin had any reasonable ground for his belief. He asked himself, in considering liability under the Act, whether the louocent misrepresentation in July was negligent and found it was not. But if the representation which if fraudulent, would have sounded in damages, the onus pussed immediately to the representor to prove that he had reasonable ground to believe the facts represented. The representor's liability did not depend on his being under a duty of care: in negotiations leading to a contract the Act imposed an absolute obligation not to state facts which the representor could not prove he had reasonable ground to believe Satisfied with his answer.

Negotiations continued. The documents included a charterparty commands at exception clause, including the words "... charterers' acceptance of handing over the wessel shall be conclusive evidence. [that the vessel is] in all respects fit for the intended and contemplated use by the charterers and in every other way satisfactory to them." teners and in every other way satisfactory to them."

The barges were used for six months. Early on Ogdens suspected that they could not carry the 1,200 tonnes a trip without submerging their loadlines. In March, 1975, they discovered the payload was only 1,055 tonnes. So they paid only £20,000 on account of hire. When hire was not paid flowards withdrew the barges and issued a writ claiming £93,183 for the outstanding hire. Ogdens counterclaimed on the ground, inter alia, that Howards had misrepresented the cargo-carrying capacity made in the two April telephone conwersations and the interview on July 11, 1974; and that because of the low carrying capacity the whole operation of the contract was delayed. They counterclaimed for £600,000. The issue of liability was tried as a preliminary issue. The judge dismissed the counterclaim and gave judgment for Howards.

Although not specifically posting the question whether Mr O'Loughlin had reasonable ground for his belief, the judge made certain findings about his state of mind. His Lordship considered the judge's findings in detail, and said that it was requiring to adont them judge's fundings in detail, and said that it was tempting to adopt them simpliciter and conclude that the figure Mr O'Loughlin saw in Lloyd's Register afforded reasonable ground for his belief. But the judge had over-simplified the effect of Mr O'Loughlin's evidence effect of Mr O'Loughlin's evidence on the matter; and in his Lordship's judgment Mr O'Loughlin's evidence, however benevolently viewed, was not sufficient to show that he had an objectively reasonable ground to disregard the currect figure in the ship's documents and prefer the incorrect Lloya's Register figure. Accordingly his Lordship concluded that Howards had falled to prove that Mr O'Loughlin had reasonable ground to believe the truth of his misrepresemation to Ogdens.

His Lordship did not find it judgment for Howards.

On the appeal Ogdens contended that Howards's representations as to carrying capacity were made negligently and that they were liable on Hedley Byrne principles. His Lordship, after referring to Lord Pearce's speech at p539 and to the speeches of Lord Reld and Lord Morris in Mutual Life and Citizens' Assurance Co Ltd v Evatt ([1971] AC, 793), said that the principles there stated spoke of the "gravity of the inquiry" and the "seeking of considered advice".

That excluded representations

His Lordship did not find it necessary to express a concluded view on the issue of negligence at common law. If there were houry of care for the accuracy of the statement he doubted if the evidence established it. evidence established it.

Could Howards escape from their liability under the Act in reliance on the exception clause? The judge had said that "If the wording of the clause is apt to exempt from responsibility for negligent misrepresentation as to carrying capacity. I hold that such exemption is not fair and reasonable." The judge having asked himself the right question and answered it as he did in the exercise of the discretion vested in him by the Act, his Loraship could see no ground for saying

advice."
That excluded representations made during a casual street conversation or "off the cuff" or of the telephone. The duty was one of honesty and no more. On that test Mr O'Loughlin was under a duty to be honest, but no more. In the July interview, when asked the capacity of the barges, he had not the file with him, and it was not reasonable for Ogdens to act on his answers without checking them, or getting expert advice. His Lordship agreed with the judge that there was not such a situation as to give rise to a duty of care or make Howards liable for negligent misrepresentation at common could see no ground for saying that he was wrong. Ogdens, alternatively, claimed for innocent misrepresents in under the Misrepresentation Act, 1967. The judge found that Mr O'Loughlin's representation on July 11 that each barge could carry 1,500 tonnes was a misrepresentation made with the object of His Lordship would accordingly allow the appeal to the extent of holding that Ogdens established hability against Howards under section 2(1) for any damages they had suffered as a result of Mr.

O'Loughlin's misrepresentation at the Otley interview in the terms as found by the judge. LORD JUSTICE SHAW held that at common law the special trat at common law the special factors in the case, together with the relationship of the parties as owners and prospective charterers of barges to be employed for a specific purpose known to the owners, did give rise to the daily or the owners.

on the owners to exercise reasonable care to be accurate in giving information of a material character which was peculiarly within their knowledge. Ogdens had a cause of action in negligence at common exemption clause, which did not purport to grant absolution from the consequences of negligence on the part of the owners.

On the issue under section 2(1), his Lordship agreed with Lord Justice Bridge, based on his analysis of the evidence and the reduce furning and with his rich.

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analysis of the evidence and the judge's finding, and with his view on the operation and effect of the Act. He, too, would allow the appeal under the Act as well as in relation to the claim based on negligence at common law.

Leave was given to both parties to appeal to the House of Lords. Solicitors: Ingledew, Brown & Co for Ingledew, Mark Pypus, Newcastle upon Type; Mr R. A. Howard, Chatham.

The team trawled deep for Manned spaceflight includes some peculiar tools, from Eng-

hardware. conquest of Everest.

though an undoubted great achievement in exploration, was judged inappropriate for the Science Museum. The team could not ignore manned ex-ploration of the moon, but they concentrated on the spacecraft

ated whole-in a way that would be visually pleasing was the challenge faced by Roger Mummery, the designer. The six sections cover underwater exploration, manned spaceflight. the planets and beyond, medical science, remote sensing and

tures, among other things, a replica of a manned submer-sible, a model of an unmanned submersible and a famous rigid diving suit of the 1930s known

a diorama of the first manned base on the moon (Apollo 11 in the Sea of Tranquillity), plus the actual Apollo 10 service module and other items of space

Further spacecraft models, made to an impeccable finish by the museum's own craftsmen, illustrate " the planets and beyond", including a half-scale Viking lander sitting on a re-construction of the surface of

Medical science includes the brain scanner, endoscopes which enable doctors to see inside the stomach withour sur-gery, and ultrasonic techniques for monitoring the heart of a foetus. The psychology section

lish medieval account rolls and Chinese oracle bones to Californian pine trees and tiny shells from the bottom of the Indian Ocean.
All this and much more, for

Excitement and variety, in-

Kenneth Owen

of exploration, and much more

The wonders

Weston Director of the Science Museum. She was talking about a rather special exhibition century. which opens at the museum on December 16. Its theme is exploration, but not merely in the conventional

sense. Physical exploration from the bottom of the sea to outer space is naturally included, but so too is the medi-cal exploration of the human mind and body. Normally the Science Museum's exhibitions are either

"permanent" (as in the main galleries) or "temporary" (specially mounted for a number of weeks or months). Ex-ploration will lie between these extremes. It is designed initially for a three-year life but may well be extended.

"I wanted to convey excitement to make up the complete exhibi-and variety", said Dr Margaret tion. And, since it is Jubilee advances of the past quarter-Weston's excitement is

being translated via a number of large objects, dramatically dis-EMI brain scanner.

major artifacts, she says, the exhibition would be simply a three-dimensional encyclopaedia. But she insists on the tariety of both drama and

basic approach—in the jargou, space. Its aim, to make people it is multidisciplinary, which means that it cuts across traditional scientific boundaries to

To translate the idea into

played—an actual Apollo cap-sule, a replica lunar lander, a replica submersible, an actual Without the focus of these

each of the six sections that go them to get on with it. Coordin-

Year, the emphasis is on the

straight museumry; she does not welcome, the bland gim-nickry of the push-button "science centre" approach. The exploration theme was Dr Weston's idea—"a device that would link many things from Another difference is in the the structure of matter to outer

try to give an overall under- reality. Dr Weston set up a prostanding of the subject. ject team of vounger members
This approach is followed in of the museum staff and told

Becklake (who also assembled two of the six sections); the exhibition designer is Roger Mummery, who designed the superb National Railway Railway Museum at York.

> ideas. Dr Becklake says they started with about 200 sugges-tions, from museum staff and from outside science communicators such as the journal Neture,

> technology.
> Purting it all together—six mini-exhibitions into a coordin-

climatology.

includes an ingenious "dis-torted room" in which strange things are seen to happen to

how people and objects appear when viewed at radar and infra-red wavelengths. A thermal imaging camera explores the heat patterns of a fully

equipped kitchen.
Explorers in climatology use

those who venture to explore the Science Museum's six-in-one exhibition over Christmas.

Those who go on to explore other parts of the museum will discover also the continuing laser show; a new exhibition of old phonographs (from December 13); a display of "Star Wars" models (from December 16); and a place where you can have your picture taken by computer and imprinted on a

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Making the cursed chilblains go away

"The curse of chilblains" is commented upon in so many old berbals and the remedies for the various inchings, burnings, swellings and suppurations therefrom, are so varied, that the indications are that they must always have been a

winter menace. " London John Gerarde, Master of Chirurgerie", in his Herball of 1638, offers several cures, including one which suggests that the inner part of the Squilla (or sea-onion), "boiled with oile and turpentine? can be "with great profit applied unto the chaos or chilblanes on

the feet or heeles". Since then a concoction of soap. Cajenut Oil imported from the East Indie: and the blister-ing fincture of Cantharides or Spanish Fly has been tried. And, in a less drastic way, peelbeing applied to "blains and other irritaring lumps and a disinclination for smoking, or

Modern herbalists have other ideas among which the most efficacious seems to tne to be tincture from the common weed plantain (Pluntago major). This now ubiquitous plant has a host of popular names, one of which, strangely enough is "Englishman's Foot". The American ladians are responsible for this title because it was they who noticed that the plantains appeared, carried presumably involuntarily on Clothing or footwear wherever "the migrations of Englishmen have established colonies".

Plantains, one of the ninc sacred herbs, have many firstaid uses. Their crushed leaves act as an emergency styptic or as a cure for a wasp or bee sting. Their scant juice is an astringent and useful to them that have the toothacke" and ings of cucumbers, dried in it also has the reputation if summer and softened, when re-taken in the form of a tisane quired, "inwardly" with water, (a teaspoonful to a pint of taken in the form of a tisane water) for giving a distaste, or to take the desire to smoke

completely away. Homoeopaths have still more

suggestions for chilblain cures among which are infinitesimal, triturated doses of two poisonous plants, one being the Black Bryony (Tamus communis) and the other, the Poison Ivy (Rhus toxicodendron). Either of these plants if swallowed in an unprepared state, or in the latter case, even touched, being able to induce the inflammatory, istitating symptoms of "chilblains" symptoms of themselves. Commonsense cures for chil-

blain sufferers seem to include a sensible, balanced diet and the necessity never to miss an opportunity for gentle exercisopportunity for gentle exercising of the hands and feet in
order to stimulate the circulation. It is also important to
wear shoes with room for extra
foot-warming inner soles, even
those which are sometimes obtainable from chemists that
have been circular from the have been cut-out from the medicated, red Dols flannel.

Alison Ross

Minister wrong to disregard cost of converting offices to dwellings

Queen's Bench Division

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in dismissing appeals against the refusal of planning permission to continue office use of premises in Mayfair, should have taken into account the financial cost at the present time of converting the premises to residential use.

to residential use.

His Lordship granted two applications by Niarchos (London) Lnd to quash the minister's decision confirming the refusal by Westminster (City) London Borough Council to allow the use of 37 and 41/43 Park Street, Mayfair, as office premises to be continued. Mr David Widdicombe, QC, and Mr Matthew Horton for the applicants; Mr Harry Woolf for the minister.

cants; Mr Harry Woolf for the minister.

SIR DOUGLAS FRANK said that the premises consisted of a basement, ground floor and five other floors with a mezzanine floor; the upper three floors were sub-let and not occupied by the applicants.

The office uses began after the war when transporary planning permissions were granted. The permissions which had since been renewed, expired in December, 1973, and were not renewed. The applied for planning permission to continue the office use, appealed to the minister.

At an inquiry in 1975 both the applicants and the council produced schemes for the conversion to residential use. The inspector reported that neither scheme "would be an economically viable proposition for a developer at the present time".

Noting that the premises were in an area allocated primarily for residential use in the approved development plan, the inspector concluded that a sufficiently strong case had not been made out for him to accept that the applicants had shown very special circumstances which would warrant an exception being made in their

Niarchos (London) Ltd y Secretary of State for the Environment and Another Before Sir Douglas Frank. QC (sitting as deputy judge of the Cueen's Bench Division)

The Secretary of State for the Environment, in dismissing appeals against the refusal of planning permission to continue office use of premises in Mayfair, should have taken into account the financial cost at the present circumstances, the alternative to use as offices would be to palaning permission to continue office use of premises in Mayfair, should have taken into account the financial cost at the present time of converting the premises to residential use.

Case to the council's policy for the development plan, and the development plan as deputy with the premises as offices.

But he also concluded that, in present circumstances, the alternative to use as offices would be to the premises the premise standing empty until there was a significant plan and the development plan as development plan as development plan was entirely a matter tor the minister, and, further, that the minister was entirely a matter tor the minister was entirely a matter tor the minister was entirely a matter t

a temporary permission for five years should be given as that would allow time for the economic situation to improve and for the applicants to find suitable alternative accommodation.

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In his letter of decision the minister said, inter alla, that in view of the continuing shortage of residential accommodation of all types in central London the development plan policy of reversion of properties to residential use was soundly based and should be supported. He rejected the inspector's recommendation for extension, of the use, taking the view that the financial considerations, which now made conversion unprofitable, were not a factor of such importance as to persuade him to permit an exception to the council's policy. Accordingly he dismissed the appeals.

Mr Widdicombe submitted that the minister had falled to apply the tests in the development plan according to which it was provided that "... where it can be shown to the satisfaction of the council (or the minister ...) that any house, ... cannot reasonably be used or adapted for use for residential occupation ... It is the council's intention to permit the use of accommodation for office purposes until 1990. Existing temporary permissions will be reviewed on this basis."

The first ground of complaint against the decision was that the minister had asked himself the wrong question, namely, whether the financial considerations which made conversion unprofitable at the present time were of such importance as to warrant making an exception to the policy for the

portance as to warrant making an Solicitors Cor-exception to the policy for the Treasury Solicitor.

law that the minister could change his policy and, accordingly, he was not bound to apply the policy in the development plan. However, when he expressed himself to be deciding a case by a stated policy, it must follow that if he decided the case other than in accordance with that policy then he misdirected himself and acted in excess of his powers. And his Lordship rejected the submission that the minister was emitted to put his own interpretation on the provisions of the development

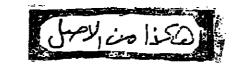
that the minister was entitled to put his own laterpretation on the provisions of the development plan.

Mr. Woolf further argued that the provision that premises could be "reasonably ... adopted "was directed to physical practicability alone. If so, then it seemed, quite apart from the fact that they were no words which would aimst of such a restricted meaning, that the word "reasonably" would have little relevance; for it was hard to think of any premises in Meyfair which could not be adapted at some cost for residential use.

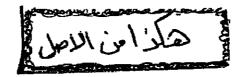
Given that the minister was bound to take into account the flowerial implications of adapting the premises, the luevitable conclusion was that the premises could not reasonably be adapted for residential occupation at the present case was the first town planning decision which had been

His Lordship realized that the present case was the first town planning decision which had been quashed for being unreasonable, but he believed he was doing no more than applying an established principle to the particular facts.

The applications were allowed with costs. Solicitors - Coward - Chance



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David Howell says only months are left to get this message across ...

How the Tories must go about creating the post-socialist society

Britain against the collectivists tions and socialist policies. Yet has gathered great momentum, it is hard to think of a time in There can be no doubt who has recent years when the Conser-won most of the arguments of vatives have been more acutely the last three years about the aware of the constraints on broad shape of policy, and it is what a new government alone not the socialists. what a new government alone can achieve, more reluctant to

Down at the tactical end, rush in with "solutions" to the nation's problems, more reluctant to rush in with "solutions" to the nation's problems, more ion is increasingly in the nation's problems, more ion is increasingly in the sceptical about the remedial properties of endless fresh temosphere similar, I suspect, to the late 1940s, Labour are ascendant. In a parliamentary atmosphere similar, I suspect, to the late 1940s, Labour are

But in between broad philosophical direction and tactical warfare lies a less easily definwartare nes a less easily definable area where questions to an apposition like: "But what would they actually do?" or "What will be their attitude problem or that one?" or "How will they handle this group or that?" are bound to come up with growing fre-

It is not so much a matter of producing a long string of policies in response to such pressures. Too much policy detail in opposition can be self-defeating, and a godsend for a drowning government. There were certainly that the

op it winning!).

It is more a question of But it would be a mistake to ment and the sort of way it is such a stance are far from neg-most likely to react—what in arive and involve vasily deter-earlier political parlance would be called the "character" of Nor to be dragged by the he incoming administration.

Here at once we come to a an paradox. No Conservative opporing requires immense nerve sition since the war has stood will.

Out more distinctly than this Not to be deluded that

intellectual revolt in one against socialist assump-

being constantly driven on to the defensive, their party morale requiring more and more frequent performances of this mood of caution. Certainly Mr. Michael Foot's "so I say that to them" speeches to keep it intact at all.

The late 1940s, Land of the Central Office publication The Right Approach to the Right Approach to the Economy is chot through with this mood of caution. Certainly it undertakes to cut personal taxation substantially and to them" speeches to keep it intact at all. Central Office publication The

But an important part of the flavour of the document is also to be found in the following sentence: "We believe that the Government knows less about business than businessmen, less about investment than investors and less about pay bargaining than trade union negotiators and employers. We think we understand the limitations on what a government alone can do. This surely is the beginning of wis-

dom and commonsense".

Such a passage would have been inconceivable in the literature of any political party in this country a decade ago inz government. There were certainly those who felt that the Conservative Party was overloaded with policy in the late overdue among all politicians Sixties (although this did not after the record of recent

themes, of impressing on the see this as a mere negative public mind the decided pur-reaction to past disappoint poses of the would-be governments. For the implications of Not to be dragged by the coat-tails into the vanities of

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kling the formidable social standable. But my guess would problems of overmanning at be that the cautious approach British Leyland and British accords most closely with the Steel somehow constitutes a mood of a still bruised and Steel somehow constitutes a serious policy for industrial serious poncy for incustrial antious phone.

success and requires incessant argumentative energies to prevent the bureaucratic establishment from rolling precisely Party will continue to develop,

Not to tamper unduly with North Sea oil revenues but to let the bulk of them flow to the taxpayer requires a will to resist enormous political and pressure group forces that are fast building up.

Not to be cornered into lay-ing down at ministerial level detailed pay figures for countless employments and professions requires a spine and clarity of purpose that appears to be entirely lacking in the present administration.

Not to be sucked into the cosy routines of the corporate state as a substitute for more fundamental measures needs a ough scepticism, an unflinch ing readiness to pursue awk-ward questions the like of which had not been evident in high politics for a generation. Of course people want it sweep away the past but no upheavals please, major policy changes but minimum legislation. That is entirely under-

anxious public. .

and among these I would put two which go under the broad labels of "ownership" and

personal ownership, that is, ownership not by the apparat-Chiks of the state in the name of the public, not by a few but by many, now runs very deep. In fits and starts it has been expressed in Tory themes and policies over the years, in expanded home ownership, obviously, in the goal of the property-owning democracy, in the Conservative preoccupation with schemes to encourage per sonal saving and personal capital building and in warmth towards new small business and family concerns, whether

come together to give this familiar theme a new and more vigorous score. Council tenants have raised the standard of revolt against their

in manufacturing, agriculture

men have raised their voice against big bureaucracy. Tech lence, the paving argument to nicians have cast doubts on the a violent and ugly society.

that an economy is not all resist its horrific implications. about manufacturing capacity. Employees have shuddered at

already are the investors and owners against whom they are prosed to be struggling. The renewed elevation of the

deal of mass personal ownership does not meet all these hopes and fears of course not. But it begins to create an insistent interest the other way. Given a push the facts start to influence the attitudes.

start to influence the attitudes.

That push is sower taxation on earnings—very much lower—the policy key which unlocks the door to a post-socialist society in which millions save a bit and own a bit and see their ownership grow instead of blindly following the descriptions of the property of the same seemed in their case. class war generals in their ceaseless campaigns against pro-fits and capital.

As to the theme of order, of course no party is emitted to offer instant solutions for the group ruthlessness which now parts of our society, let alone for the ascending spiral of per-sonal violence which casts a shadow over every street and housing estate. But the Conservatives are entitled to empha-size their determination to organize and equip authority against crime and violence and

invariable virtues of scale,
Politicians worried by the miserable unemployment figures have seen the heavy side, and on key occasions excess manpower in larger much too little, to leave one could independ on the socialist much is said on the socialist excess manpower in larger much too little, to leave one could independ on the socialist much too little, to leave one scale industry and have drawn anything but deeply worried their own conclusions. Plan-about the basic will and desire ners have begun to understand of a Labour Government to

When it comes to the point the main election debate is the ruthless impersonality of bound to turn, as it usually the trade union machines as does, on what the existing they drive their alleged group government has really done interest over personal circums and what, if returned again, it stances and the broad puolic would do. No effort will be recorded on the Consequence of the Consequen Workers have begun to see in helping Labour to explain that through their pension exactly what it has done and schemes and life policies they exactly what kind of Britain. in what kind of international setting, its heavy future programme of socialism would bring about.

poetic imagination party exaggeration will be needed All is on record all or nearly all is jovingly set out in

that they are capable of presid-ing with competence, common-sense and understanding over the gradual emergence of the post-socialist society, where people in their families count mightly, where their freedom to go in safety is of intense concern and where what they own by saving and share in the community by owning matters In the months that remain the Conservatives have this

The author is Conservative MP for Guildford.

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Bernard Levin

Forget the fantasies, this is the reality of China today

appeared in the Toronto Globe and Mail, by Mr Ross Munro, China since June 1975, who has now been told (because of this very series) that he must leave the country. What is par-ticularly valuable and refreshing about Mr Munro's honesty and skill is that, although he sees the same as other visitors and reporters, he is not con-tent simply to observe: he also seeks explanations for what he sees. Thus, he points out that

Most people who travel around China report that the cities are relatively orderly, quite unlike the scenes of urban chaos found in other parts of Asia. In Chinese cities, they have seen no teeming shantytowns, no one sleeping on the streets, no staking out

But he promptly continues by saying that:

urban population is severely limited because all but a tiny minority of China's 650-million-yaus peasants don't have the right to move to the cities. This restriction is the greatest limitation of freedom that China imposes freedom that Unita imposes on its people. . . Today, immunerable people from the rural areas endure hardship and risk punishment by going to the ciries where they often lead marginal existences, living off friends or relatives because they cannot legitimately obtain coupons necessary to buy rice and clothing. If they're caught begging, the authori-ries send them back to the

it is worth pausing there to ask what Mr Muaro's description of that state of affairs reminds us of Is it not uncarmily similar to South Africa's laws which deprive millions of Africans of any residence rights in the cities and enforce their return to the "home-lands"? But of course there is one very dramatic difference; most of those who protest at the cruelty and injustice of such a system in South Africa have nothing to say against the cruelty and injustice of the system in China. (It was difficult enough to make Mr Peter Hain "Methonstitte against Soriet barbarism; it would be

And yet even South Africa's

Byen a short trip away from one's village or city can be difficult to arrange, however. The would be traveller must first go to the leader of his unit—a factory workshop, a production beam in a concurse or other organization be works for—and ask for leave from work; and permission travel. aion to travel.

Once he gets permission from his work unit, the traveller must obtain special ration coupons enabling him to buy rice or bread outside his province. These coupons are one of the most basic of are one of the most basic of the control mechanisms in China. Ordinarily, families are issued grain coupons valid only in their frome pro-vince. They cannot hay even a bowl of rice in a res-taurant in another province. letter of introduction from his unit. If he stays with friends or relatives, they are required to register their guest with the local authori-

fect of double-vision, how many of those who have adopted the phrase " Catch-22" to describe the to describe the actions of the authorities in Western society, will use it about this translation into Chinese?

young people have been sent out of the cities and into the countryside upon graduation.
... They are observed, discussed and judged by local party functionaries, by work leaders and, in a limited but symbolically important way, by their fellow graduates. Getting back to the city can be an exceedingly tricky business. Commune officials say, for instance, that a young person can demon-strate a good political atti-tude" by expressing an tude" by expressing an enthusiastic willingness to settle down in the country-side for the rest of his life.

wonder, then that as Munro demonstrates,

pendent citizens of China seem to be those whose work gives them the opportunity to escape the constant condrivers on the road all day alone with their borse-drawn abone with their horse-drawn wagons seem to be among the most individualistic people in China, cussing and joking as the mood moves them and apparently quite unconcerned about where anyone thinks of them.

will declare, at least Western absent from the pure air of China. Mr Munro, howeve, has studied the situation as it actually exists, not as its admirers imagine it to be, and

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ions help. In some schools, most of the students are sons and daughters of officials. Obviously there must be special privileges for their graduates. A student at had entered institutions of enough political credentials, intellectual superiority or entry to college or university embark on a career path that will take them into the tadre class. A cadre, by the loose Chinese definition, is either an official, a bureau-crat or a member of the "in-telligentsia" which includes teachers, propagancists and professionals.

Mr Munro's work in China, consisting of clear-eyed obser-vation, has given us a very much better idea of the reality Greenes and Han Suyins and Neville Maxwells. And that we need his reality urgently is well shown by a recent report in the People's Daily, with which I shall conclude today. which I shair continue rousy, before summing up on Friday the lessons Mr Munro has ranghe us "The Chinese courts" said the authoritative voice of China, "are an instrument of oppression, designed to strengthen the dictatorship of the proletarist." Quite,

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Any suggestions (and they must be printable) for a signature

tune for the European Parliament? I am told that the

search is now on for a theme, something "hummable", to play before sessions of the Parliament. The movement allegro molto from Hayda's

Mr Sadat, still relying on America to budge Israel

national peace conference have started in circumstances of

framework as no longer relevant, or at most an arena for the formal ratification of substantive agreements reached elsewhere. President Sadat, by eisewhere. Frestoent Saust, by saying that the Cairo Conference could continue for months, and be taken up to Foreign Minister level "or even higher", has implied much the same: From the point of view of both Israel and Egypt the Cairo framework is preferable to the Geneva one because Mr Sadat issued the invitations in such a way that those parties whom he saw as putting procedural obstacles in the way of real negotiation— that is Syria, the PLO and the Soviet Union—were bound to

In other words, Mr Sadat has In other words, Mr Sadat has engineered a framework for bitateral negotiations between Egypt and Israel. Both parties re swearing hand-on-heart, owever, that this does not rean they want a separate

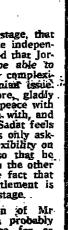
peace.
Idealty, of course, Israel would like peace with all her neighbours, if mutually acceptable terms could be found. But in reality Israel's policy-makers believe that peace with Syria is

Lebanon cannot move indepen-dently from Syria, and that Jorstarted in circumstances of dently from Syria, and that Jorquite such confusion and ambiguity as the one which formally, opens this morning at the Mena House hotel.

Officially, it is merely a preparation for the resumption of the Geneva Conference. But unofficially the Israelis and Americans now seem increasing them to show flexibility on ingly to brush aside the Geneva mon-Egyptian issue so that he Arab parties for the fact that a comprehensive settlement is not reached at this stage.

That interpretation of Jordan at a later stage of the negotiations and also some Paktainians, preferably includ-ing at least a part of the PLO.

No doubt his insistence on an independent Palestinian state in his speech to the Knesset was kirgely tectical, since in the past he has sought to meet Israeli fears by encouraigng a link between the Palestinians and Jordan. From a practical point of view such a link makes obvious sense, but



Sadar's intentions is probably right—at least in so far as it affects Syria. Mr Sadar has now made it clear that he does. not believe the present Syrian regime is seriously interested in making peace, and also that he does not think it matters much since in the end Syria has no choice but to tag along behind Egypt. But it appears that he still hopes to bring in

a tink makes opvious sense, but Mr Sedat has clearly grasped the great emotional importance which Pakstinians attach to being recognized as a people



The head of the Israeli delegation, Eliahu Ben Elissar, right, is greeted in Cairo.

King Husain himself is well aware of this, and would be unlikely to re-assume respons-ibility for the West Bank unless asked to do so by some credible representatives of Polestinian opinion, and given the green light by the more important Arab states. That in turn means that at least some Palestinian leaders formerly associated with the PLO, and perhaps claiming to represent the "real PLO", would have to be involved.

would have to be involved.

None of these people are likely to get involved unless they can be convinced that Israel is willing to withdraw from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. And this, no doubt,

core of the problem, which is the Palestinian question".

The Israelis know this. Mr Begin has said repeatedly in the last few weeks that he recognizes the existence of a "prob-lem of the Palestinian Arabs" that he is prepared to discus it and believes a solution can be found. Although theoretically committed by his election plat-form not to allow any part of "Judea and Samaria" to return to "foreign" (ie non-Israeli) rule, he has allowed Mr Dayan rule, he has allewed Mr Dayan to say that Israel is willing to discuss a territorial partition of the area. But Mr Dayan has also pointed out that a partition

is what the Egyptians mean is not what the Arabs want: when they propose that "follow-the maugural session, the conference will start discussing the no Israeli government has been prepared to consider this.

For this reason, even Israeli doves now talk of a "func-tional" rather than territorial compromise, the idea being apparently that the Arab inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip should enjoy exten-sive autonomy under some kind of Israeli-Jordanian condominium. It seems unlikely that this will be enough to tempt either the Palestinians themselves or King Husain, in which case it will be of little use to Mr Sadat. Mr Sadat wants peace: that

is clear. Indeed he seems to want something like an alliance

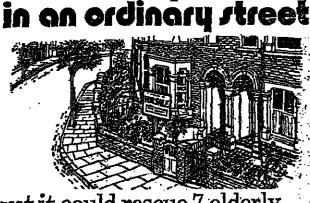
world. But this projection is still apparently based on the assumption that once Israel is no longer threatened by Egypt as a hostile military power, she should be threated should be prepared to accept the pre-1967 frontiers as a basis fer negotiation. So far Israel shows no disposition to do this saill relying on American pres-sure to budget Israel, and that one of the main objectives of his spectacular diplomacy in the last few weeks has been to assure himself or more wholehearted American support.

with Israel against those whom

he regards as Soviet-inspired trouble-makers in the Arab

Edward Mortimer

THE TIMES DIARY/ PHS



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A verts ordinary houses into about 7 bed-sittingrooms each. Here, lonely elderly people

enjoy both the privacy of their than 600 Abbeyfield houses all own rooms with their own furniture around them - and the company of others at two meals a day, served in the dining room by the housekeeper. Abbeyfield helps people of all backgrounds. Abbeyfield is, perhaps, one of the more imaginative solutions to the problem of loneliness in old age. Each Abbeyfield house is established and looked after by its tory booklet?

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Variety of considerable donations -

Star of the latest bout of cheque-giving by the Variety Club of Great Britain at the Savoy yesterday was not Vis-count Amory or the Second Sea Lord or comedian Frank Carson os chief barker Treor Chinn or even gaest of honour Princess Margaret but the newish Mer-topolitan Police Commissioner, David McNee

thing but dour in a sparkling little speech which included some good jokes, such as the one about the police superintendent who caught one of his constables standing in:Trafalgar square with his arms out-stretched, looking up at the pigeons and saying: "Go on go on, everybody else does."

In the best traditions of public speaking, he ended up on a strong straight note: "It has not been an easy year for the Metropolitan Police. The maintenance of public order amidations and industrial demonstrations . and .: industrial disputes has been particularly demanding on resources, and in nmodity, menpower.

Far too many of our officers: have been injured. The strain on police wives and families has reached critical levels." Mr McNee was speaking after being presented with a cheque —four letter words and of £5,000 by the Variety Club instead of Black Beauty.

for the children's section of the The Variety Club also pre-sented a cheque for £10,000 to Dawn House School, a special school run under the auspices of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, of which Princess Margaret is president. They received from the Second Sea Lord a cheque for £4,000 which

Coals to Newcastle?

from American libraries for documents from the British library's lending division are for United States publications, say officials of the British Library. It turns out that requests are dealt with so speedily that it is often quicker for American institu-tions to send to the gient library at Boston Spa. in West. Yorkshire, than it is for them to try to obtain the publications through the national libraries in the United States.

A mix-up by a Worcester mail order firm has led to hundreds of people receiving a cassette of a rather nagulty Peter Cook and Dudley Moore recording -four letter words and all-



Environmental considerations The row which I started in

these pages (December 8) on the performance of senior per-sonnel at the Ministry of De-fence in climbing the stairs at their eight-storey main building (where out-of-action lifts redustrial action) has left them sceptical listeners replies unmoved at the Department of the Environment. And not surprisingly, since the band of wounds died of an apoplang."

ministers (headed by Peter Shore) who work at the 18-storey (ugly) Marsham Street headquarters were it seems, clausing to move downstairs in the event of their lifes coming For some time now a notice

has been circulating advising that because of the sixthe they might have to leave the fine views afforded by their offices. (between the 15th and 18th floors) and move down to less breathless climes. The official memorandum reads: "Contingency plans are being made for some ministers

and a few senior officers who need to work closely with them no move into temporary offices in the lower floors. The main criterion for deciding such moves (apart from health considerations) will be the need for relatively frequent and speedy movement in and out of the building, bearing in mind the need for ministers to be within division bell distance of the House ".

Bernard Levin went to see Wycherley's The Country Wife at the National Theatre the other day and noted a line that he says might have come straight out of the Steve Biko inquest. A character is insisting that the truth of what he is saying will be attested to by all the doctors in the town, whereupon one of his more

The upper reaches

and detailed book about opera-singers called The Record of

The book is included by EMI in a limited edition of boxed sets of 12 records illustrating dalous and virtuous) before the First World War. Already, though the sibums have scarcely reached the shops. EMI are assured a sell-out even at the appropriately monumen-tal price of £35.

included on the records, the rather than incensed) to say most curious perhaps being that a group called, improbably, frofessore Alessandro Moreschi, the Anal Zephyr Trio had been the only castroto ever recorded, blocked for the National Theatre Surangely the oldest record, early evening serguade on Strangely the oldest record early evening serious lees on ing of all made by an American December 19. Could they exist called Ellen Beach Yaw in 1899. The National Theatre said they were not sure. When they bearing Sullivants Kose of rang us back they said that the Persia, established some sort of pintist would be annualished. In a piece of mock Mozart, Miss Yaw, whose voice is likened to "wind howling in

94th Symphony has apparently been suggested. Please do not pause to inquire what Westminster's tune is or why (indeed) a Parliament should Possibly just

Making an

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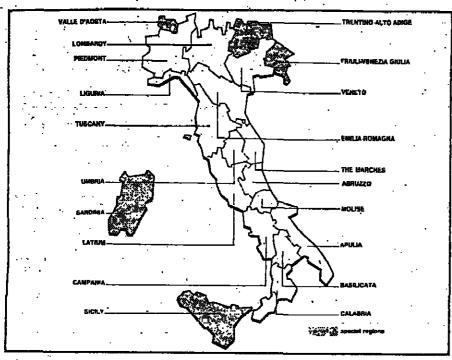
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Miss Yaw, whose voice is likened to "wind howding in inquiries; I am assured that the the chiamey" achieved Anal Zephyr Trio does exist, D natural in almasmo, a high that (apart from the planist) it note recorded seldom, if ever, includes a saw and bottles, and since Despite that, the press that all being well the groupings languished unissued in will make an appearance at the RMTs explaives until now. National in the new year.

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Democrat, PCI=Com- G Aosta mento Sociale Italiano valley. (right wing)

Name and party of regional president A 4.541.789

ment, per cent: agri cultural / industrial G Regional capital

56,009,400 DC 35.3, PCI 33.4, PSI 12, others 19.3

100 3.31 16.4/43.7/39.9 VALLE D'AOSTA

(Dec 31. A 113,720 B DC 21.4, PCI 19.5, PSI 8.5, UV 33.9, others 16.7 (June, 1973)

Mario Andrione (UV) 138.3

munist, PSI=Socialist, Italy's smallest region used to suffer from isolation until the UV=Unione Valdo two great tunnels were opened under Monte Bianco and stana. MSI = Movi- the St Bernard and a motorway was completed through the

regional president

Average income per head
(Italy=100)

Unemployed, per cent
Ratio of type of employment, per cent: agricultural / industrial /

Despite its strong French tradition, Piedmont was the cradle of Italian unity. With the Fiat works in Turin, it is the centre of Italy's engineering industry; it also produces the country's inest red wines.

LOMBARDY A 8,837,350 B DC 37.5, PC C Cesare Go D 138.5 E 1.54 DC 37.5, PCI 30.4, PSI 14.1, others 18 G Milan

Lombardy is the heart of Italy's economy. Milan is its business centre, as well as its cultural magnet, and the region's Latium su great plain must have seemed for centuries the promised land to invaders descending the Alps.

LIGURIA

A 1,867,439 DC 30.4, PCI 38.4, PSI 13.5, others 17.7 Angelo Carossino (PCI)

E .3.16 F 8.1/38.3/53.6

A steeply mountainous coast has given the region an outward-looking character. It is no coincidence that Italy's greatest port, Genoa, and !!aly's greatest explorer-Columbus-both belong to Liguria.

TUSCANY

A 3,566,696 DC 28.5, PCI 46.5, PSI 10.7, others 14.3 Lelio Lagorio (PSI)

E 2.55 10.5/47.5/42 G Florence

Tuscans allow no doubts that their region produces the best spoken Italian, the world's finest treasure-house of art and the grandest combination of man with God in the balance of their landscape.

UMBRIA

795,246 DC 27.6, PCI 46.2, PSI 13.9, others 12.3 Germano Marri (PCI)

4.18 18.5/42.5/39

G Perugia
Umbria's apparent serenity, epitomized by the quiet of Assisi and Spoleto, is broken by dissatisfaction with its lack of development and a feeling that it is caught between the busy north and the subsidized south.

SARDINIA

1,552,854 DC 38.3. PCI 26.8, PSI 11.7, others 23.2 (June, 1974) Pietro Soddu (DC) 74.6

> munists as well as the small lay parties, excepting only the neo Fascists.

This indirect support gre

This indirect support grew into a six-party governmental programme which was essentially, in terms of political weight, a formal understanding between Christian Democrats and Communists.

There is no clear distinction between government and opposition. Only the Christian Democrats are in government but they have no majority of their own. The result is a type of demo-

result is a type of demo-cracy quite unlike the Anglo

Saxon model. It is choral and not a duer.

central and regional authority within a unitary

in all 20 regions, and, for that matter, the balance of political weight within the regions estimated on a

national scale. The advance of the left, meant in effect that about a half the total population was under

population was under regional and local govern-ment administrations in

which the left played its

The fact that at regions

considerations counselling ex-treme caution in collabora-

tion between the left and other parties were not rele-

vant meant that arrange-ments could be made never

before tried in the national Parliament. They are being

tried now and are less dis turbing to public opinion because of the whole series of regional experiments which

In this sense, the extremely brief existence of the regions

can be said to have contri buted heavily towards the solution of the dilemma left

by last year's general elec-tion. Deadlock looked in-

tion. Deadlock looked in-cvit-ble but the necessary

flexibility was found and a

new phase began in the way Italy is governed. The principal object of

reginnalism is not, bowever

to prepare the path for new

versions of democracy at the

national level. The real object of the regions is to correct the historic error of

imposing centralization on a country with such deep local

differences and to project an idea for the future of adminstration kent in terms of size within human limits. The 20 Italian regions vary greatly in size: Lombardy

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preceded them.

framework.

5.42 20.1/33.6/46.2 Cagliari

Few parts of Europe have remained so firmly outside the history of the continent (a word which Sardmians reserve for the Italian mainland). This, as much as its lovely coast-line, is why the island retains a unique fascination.

LATIUM

A 4,916,326 B DC 31.5. PCI 33.5, PSI 9.8, others 25.2 C Giulio Santarelli (PSI)

9,6/32.8/57.8

Latium suffers from Rome's huge predominance. If it is to fulfil its regional function, it must remind people that other places exist, such as Viterbo. Rieti and Frosinone-incomparably more humble, but deserving their own identity.

CAMPANIA

5,280.651 DC 36.7, PCI 27.1. PSI 10.4, others 25.8 Gaspare Russo (DC) 65 A

5.51 21,3/36.4/42.3

Naples Overshadowed by Naples-a resilient city which sometimes appears to be falling apart before one's eyes—Campania is THE MARCHES

CALABRIA

2,034,488 DC 39.5. PCI 25.2. PSI 14.7, others 20.6 Aldo Ferrara (DC)

51.9 6.78 28.1/31.3/40.6

Catanzaro ntense jealousies between individual towns and villages have hampered the creation of a regional identity. There is little industry, and Calabrans may justly feel that they deserve more than natural beauty and the respect of the cognoscenti.

SICILY

A 4.860,399 B DC 33.3, PCI 10.5, PSI 10.8, MSI 16.3, others 29.1 (June, 1976)

Angelo Bonfiglio (DC) 66.3 4.39

25.8/33.4/41

G Palermo
The island was granted semi-autonomy in May, 1946, before the Italian constitution itself came into force. The move was effective, and although Sicilian regionalism was for long chaotic, it has recently acquired a more even temper.

TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE

A 866,484 B DC 35.6, PCI 7.5, PSI 8.4, PPST/PPTT, 31.7, others 16.8 (Nov., 1973) Spartaco Marziani (DC)

1.62 16.2/36/47.8

G Trento Agreement after the last war gave the German-speaking South Tirol substantial autonomy within a region which also includes the province of Tramo. Occasionally violent objections by extremists among the German speakers seem to be quiescent

VENETO A 4,277,530

DC 48, PCI 22.8, PSI 12.8, others 16.4 Angelo Tomelleri (DC) 96.3 0.84

G Venice Venice continues to be one of the few dreams which maintain the promise of their fame. Smaller cities, such as

Vicenza and Verona and the Po delta itself-retain a style and freshness of their own.

by Peter Nichols

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Italians are prodigal in inventible for they have tried in so brief a period.

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Communists and Catholics cooperated in as painless a way as possible for both: the minority Christian Democratic Administration could rely on the abstention in Parliament of the Com-

Italy's most sensitive frontier had to await colution of the Trieste disoute before it became a special region. The largely agricultural area of Friult was added to compensate for the loss of much of the city's hinterland.

EMILIA ROMAGNA

A 3.835.722 DC 25.3, PCI 48.3, PSI 10.2 others 16.2 Sergio Cavina (PCI) 114.9

2.84

16.9/43.0/40.1 Bologna

The leading communist stronghold is renowned for serious devotion to good eating and drinking and physical pleasures. Bologna has a tradition of flery political oratory to which both Pietro Nenni and Mussolini belong.

1.390.400 DC 36.5, PCI 36.9, PSI 9.8, others 16.8

Adriano Ciatí (DC) 86.4

F 21.2/42 9/35.9

Ancona A border region, neither poor nor subject to uncontrolled in dustrial expansion. Artisen trades survive strongly and its countryside has a quiet beauty, though too many of its inhabitants have left for the coastal towns

ABRUZZO

1,211, 460 DC 42.5, PCI 30.3, PSI 10.2, others 17 Romeo Ricciuti (DC)

28.7/32.5/38.8

Before the motorways, when the route from Rome to L'Aquila was open only in the summer, this central region used to be more closely connected with the south. It is mountainous, sparsely populated and slightly mysterious.

MOLISE

DC 49.9, PCI 17.9, PSI 10.1, others 22.1

Florindo D'Aimmo (DC) 58.6

4.31 41.4/27.9/30 6

G Campobasso
Boasting neither the population nor the economic weight to rank as a separate region. Molise was given this status mainly because of the communication difficulties which would have arisen if it had been attached to Abruzzo or Umbria

APULIA

3,771.949 DC 39.2, PCI 28.5, PSI 11.9, others 20.4 Nicola Rotolo (DC)

64.7 4.76

34.6/30.7/34.7

Low-lying areas are fertile. Olives and vines seem to spread to infinity. But the hill country is poor, and industrial projects—steel at Taranto, petrochemicals at Brindisi—are still out of balance in the regional structure.

BASILICATA

DC 41.9, PCI 27.1, PSI 13.2, others 17.8

Vincenzo Verrastro (DC) 58.9

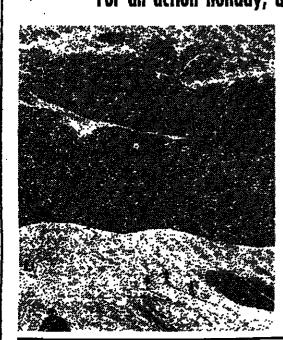
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Reafforestation and the revival of a pastoral economy are vital if the region's potential is to be realized, and methane deposits in the Basento valley deserve development. So do plans to attract more visitors.

Friuli Venezia Giulia

Correction of historic error

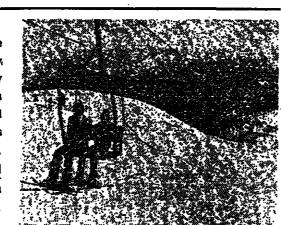
For an action holiday, a whole mountain area to be discovered



The Tarvisio area: with the special fascination of its lakes and forests, its rolling acres of fields and its tall mountains, its glaciers and its everlasting snows, the area is endowed with a wealth of resources: not just the environment, but also its history, living testimony to the way in which peoples of different languages and traditions have lived together in harmony.

Even in winter, fast roads provide access to the better known towns and to strange and interesting places, to snow fields and to ski runs and trails, served by a comprehensive system of ski lifts and cable cars.

Carnia: the home of a hard-working and hospitable people, its landscape infinitely variable in every. season, its facilities for visitors continually improving. Already popular resorts are taking on a new look as the vast ski areas of Zoncolan and Varmost are being opened out. Arta Terme is still one of the leading international thermal spas. On the border with Cadore and Austria, the full range of the Eastern Dolomites and the Carnia Alps is criss-crossed by safe paths and routes.

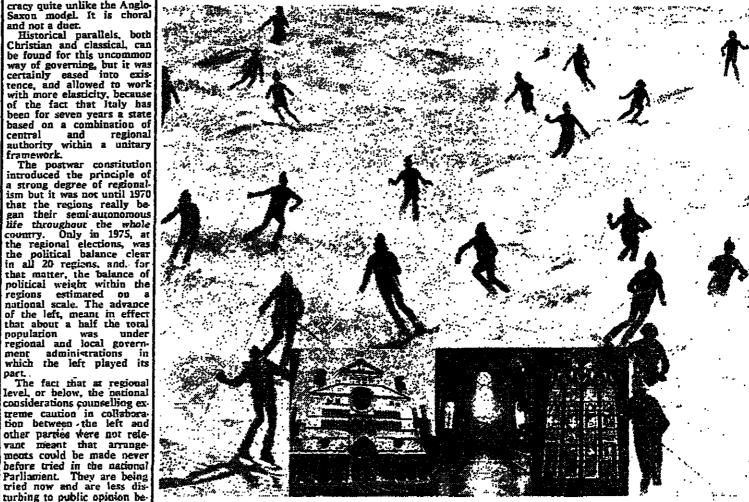




The area of Pordenone: most of this area has yet to be fully discovered. Here the mountains are often harsh, but small villages nestle against their flanks and there are valleys of outstanding beauty at their foot, in which nature is still unspoiled and where each changing season paints the landscape with different colours. For lovers of winter sports, Piancavallo on the edge of the plain provides all the attractions of a modern resort, with facilities for every form of recreation or sport.

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You will see cathedrals, squares, castles and frescoes everywhere. And you will realize how the most famous artists, summoned here by the great families of Lombardy like the Sforza, the Visconti and the Gonzaga have handed this region over to history.

Lombardy written about by man designed by nature.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 13: The Right Hon
James Callaghan, MP (Prime
Minister and First Lord of the
Treasury), had an audience of The
Queen this evening.
The Prince of Wales, Patron,
this morning at Buckingham Palace
received members of the Operation
Drake Exmedition.

received members of the Operation Drake Expedition. His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief. The Gordon Highlanders, received Lieutenant-General Sir George Gordon Lennox, Colonel of

George Gordon Lennox, Colonel of the Regiment.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a dinner at the Eccentric Club in aid of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal and the Artists' Benevolent Fund.

His Royal Highness left Euston in the Royal Highness left Euston in the Royal Train to visit Greater Manchester in aid of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal.

By command of The Queen, the Baroness Stedman (Baroness in Walting) was present at Heathrow Airport, Loudon, this afternoon upon the departure of The President of the French Republic and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

Mr R. I. Thomson and Miss B. J. Greaves CLARENCE HOUSE The engagement is aunounced between Richard, son of the Rev G. I. F. and Mrs Thomson, of Yaruton. Oxford, and Belinda, daughter of Dr and Mrs I. R. Greaves, of Sandwich, Kenz. December 13: Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded the Lady Jean Ran-kin as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. KENSINGTON PALACE

December 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, today attended the Variety Club of Great Britain's Christmas Luncheon at the Savoy Hotel.
The Hon Mrs Wills was in

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 13: The Duke of Gloucester attended a Reception given
by The Scientific Exploration
Society to launch Operation Drake
at the Athenaeum Hotel, Piccadilly, this afternoon.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland
was in attendance. was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE YORK HOUSE December 13: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders' Annual Banquet which was held at Grosvenor Rouse, London. Lieutenauri-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Vice Admiral Str York Beverley, 82; Sir Thomas Bromley, 66; Lord Erskine of Rerrick, 84; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick. Lord Erskine of Retrick, 84; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, 65; Major-General F. C. C. Graham, 69; Sir Cyril Harrison, 76; Judge Sir Ian Lewis, 52; Sir Thomas Macdonald, 79; Dame Ruth Rafiton, 62; Colonel Sir Cennydd Traherne, 67; Professor Alfred Ubbelohde, 70.

Eton College

The Michaelmas half at Eton College closes today. There are 132 boys leaving. The Rosebery History Exhibition has been awarded to D. W. K. Anderson, KS, and the Newcastle Classical Prize to N. T. Morgan, KS. In the Hard of the House Association Mr. Prize to N. T. Morgan, As. In the final of the House Association Mr G. D. Roynon's defeated Mr T. L. Holden's by three goals to one. The Lent half, in which the new provost, Sir Martin Charteris, takes up his appointment, begins

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Mr C. K. Flynn and Miss F. G. Gascoyne

Mr R. P. T. Hines and Miss F. J. Davenport

Latest wills

Latest apprintment.

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Mr S. Sherbrooke and Miss M. McCrea

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and the New Year.

Christmas Day Le Trianon. Traditional

for the children, Art Fairbank at the piano, £12.50 per

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Boxing Day Le Trianon open for Luncheon

usual. Dinner by candlelight, Art Fairbank at the piano,

New Year's Eve Le Trianon open for Luncheon as

Rotunda Bar. Music provided by Cathy Kinley.

New Year's Day Le Trianon open for Luncheon

LeCafe Jardin Coffee House is open 24 hrs a day

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Christmas Luncheon, presents from Father Christmas

Christmas Eve Le Trianon Restaurant open for

and buss M. E. Frankin
The marriage took place on
Saturday, December 10, at the
Church of St Michael, Kirby-leSoken, between Mr Patrick
Bowring and Miss Mary Franklin.
A reception was held afterwards
at Landermere Hall.

The marriage took place on Satur-day, December 10, at St Mary's,

Bayford, between Mr Simon Sher-brooke and Miss Miranda McCrea. The Rev J. A. Davies officiated, assisted by Father D. Baker.

assisted by Pather D. Baker.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Elizabeth Sherbrooke, Miss Emma Ross, Helen and James Baly, Laura Maxwell-Stuart and Clennel Collingwood. Mr Giles Winter was best man.

Marriages

cot.

Captain N. M. Hall, RM, and Miss S. L. Lowther-Pinkerton The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Major and Mrs A. M. Hall, of Buckland Newton, Dorset, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. Lowther-Pinkerton, of Alderton, Suffolk, and Miss F. G. Gascoyne
The engagement is announced
between Christopher. only son of
Mr and Mrs K. H. Flynn, of
Maidenhead. Berksinte, and
Felicity, eidest daughter of Mr
and Mrs Anthony Gascoyne, of
Currall Hall, Tenbury Wells,
Worrestershire

Mr M. E. Hudson and Miss A. D. Barclay

Mr T. P. Cullen and Miss J. A. Timme

The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. Cullen, of Wink-field. Berkshire, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Timmer, of Fort Victoria,

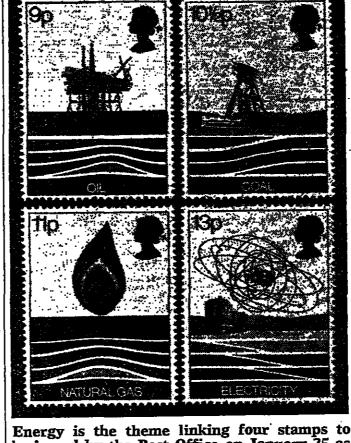
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Norwich. and Miss F. J. Davenport
The engagement is announced between Richard Peter Treadwell, elder son of Mr A. J. Rines, of 30 Hampstead Lane, London, N6, and Mrs J. M. Pearson, of 6 Monmgu Mews West, London, W1, and Frances Jane (Jenny), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Davenport, of The Thatches, Thurlestone, Devon.

Mr A. St J. Robinson and Miss H. M. J. Linehan the engagement is amnounced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth St J. Robinson, of Orchardleigh, Stere, Surrey, and Hanora, only daughter of the late Mr Timothy Linehan and of Mrs Mary Linehan, of Islington, London.

and Miss J. A. Cooper-Jones
The engagement is announced
between Charles Fisher, son of
the late Dr C. R. St Johnston and
of Mrs E. M. St Johnston, of the
Old Mill, Childswick, Worcesterstate, and Jennifer Ann daughter
of Mr and Mrs D. L. CooperJones, of New Barnet, Herifordstate. Mr R. C. Shields and Miss P. C. Heath The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Shields, of Rosslyn Park. South Australia, and Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. P. Heath, of Cooks Place, Albury, Surrey.

Mr J. G. Orsborn and Miss P. M. Lesslie and Miss F. W. Lessies
The engagement is announced
between Jeremy, only son of Mr
and Mrs G. H. Orsborn, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Pamela, only
daughter of Professor and Mrs
lan W. Lesslie, of Woking, Surrey.

Luncheons



be issued by the Post Office on January 25 as part of a continuing series on British industrial activity. The designer is Mr Peter Murdoch.

Mr F. S. Law Mr F. S. Law gave a luncheon

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Mr K. Baker, MP. Mr H. Blandford, Mr R. H. W. Builtoet. Lord Carr of Hadley. Sir Charles Duke, Mr Norman Fowler. Mp. the Hon Roger Frankland, Mr J. E. Gordon, Mr G. M. Hallowes. Mr H. P. Hart. Mr S. E. A. Kimmins, Mr P. C. Law, Sir P. C. Law, Sir P. C. Law, Sir P. C. Law, Sir P. C. Maccan, Mr K. Russell, Mr K. A. Mr Russell, Mr K. A. Thouloute.

Thouloute. and Admiral Sir John Treacher.

Royal Society of St George
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress, accompanied by the
Sheriffs and their ladies, attended
a Christmas dinner given by the
Royal Society of St George (City
of London Branch) at the Mansion House yesterday evening. Mr
Charles Coward, chairman of the
council, presided, and the other
speakers were Lord Denning,
Master of the Roßs, Vice-Admirat
Sir Richard Smeeton and Mr
Bertaard L. Morgan.

Charterhouse Founder's Day
The Archbishop of Canterbury was
the preacher at the Charterhouse
Founder's Day service held yesterday at Charterhouse. Afterwards
a dinner was held at which the
speakers were the Masster of
Charterhouse, the Headmaster of

Charterhouse, the Headmaster of Charterhouse, Sir Henry Mance and the Hon R. B. H. Pearce, QC.

Association of Lancastrians in

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The annual carol service of the Association of Lancastrians in London was held in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy last night. Sir Desmond Heap, past president, read a lesson and Canon Edwytl Young, chaplain to the association, officiated. Afterwards Sir Desmond Heap received the guests at a dinner at the Waldorf Hotel.

London
Lord Clark, OM, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mrs Kathryn Michael, president of the club, was in the

McKenna Dinner
The McKenna dinner marking the
graduation of students from the
Empire Test Pilots' School was
held at the RAF Officers' Mess,
Boscombe Down, last night.
Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil
Cameron, Chief of the Defence
Staff, was the guest of bonour.
Group Captain M. K. Adams
presided.

Service dinner

McKenna Dinner

Bernard L. Morgan.

Dinners

Lillian Violet Cooke, of Newport, Gwent, left £14,435 net. She left all her oroperty to her parish church, St Mary the Virgin, Caldi-

HM Government Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, was bost at a government lunchwas nost at a government uncon-eon at Lancaster House yesterday in bonour of Herr H. Rohde, Minister of Education for the Federal Republic of Germany. Dr R. Jochimsen and the Ambassador for the Federal Republic of Ger-many were among the guests.

HM Government Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Cariton Gardens yesterday in honour of Governor James Thompson, of Illinois, and Mrs Thompson. Among those present were: Latest appoint int include:
Mr John Gam neil. Headmaster of
Repton since 1968, to join the
Cambridge University Careers

Mr Jack Sulser, Mr Michael Corkery, Dr Peter Chester, Dr John Powell, Professor Lyn Davies, Mr Graham Zel-lick and Mr Ramsey Methutsh.

HM Government Mr Evan Luard, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at the Carlton Tower hotel yester-day in honour of Mr Azim Husain, Deputy Secretary-General, Com-monwealth Secretariat. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for Mauritius, Sir Antony Duff. Shri C. Dasgunda, Mr Ross Deane, Mr Laurie Pavitt, MP, Mr Derek Ingram, Mr Roger du Boulay. Mr Robbn O'Neill. Mrs Beryl Chitty and Mr Tom Duggin.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr P. R. A. Mansfield, Assistant Mr P. K. A. Mansfield, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was hosts at a luncheon held at the Carlton Tower botel yesterday in honour of M Edem Kodjo. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Togo. Among the guests were: were:
The Ambassador of Togo, M Lawson,
Mr M D Terry, Mr Richard Wade,
Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, Mr R. A.
Kahane (American Embassy) and Mr

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr I. J. M. Sutherland, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonweath Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at the Goring Hotel yesterday in honour of Herr Erich Kuepker, Lower Saxony Minister for the Economy and Transport. Among

Commonwealth Partiamentary Association

the guests were :

Mr James Johnson, MP, deputy chairman, United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamen-tary Association, was host at a luncheon given by the executive committee in honour of the High Commissioner for India at the House of Commons yesterday. Among those present were:

Klaus Sizhr, Dr Georg Massion bassy of the Federal Republic of Jany I. Herr Rolf Parr, Herr Stef-Herr Balzer and Mr R. C.

The Deputy High Commissioner for India, Mr S J Shigh, Baroness Vickers, Mr Arthur Bottomier, MP, Sir Bernard Braine, MP, Mr Lewis Carversones, MP, Mr Tow Jessel, MP, Mr Michael Marshall, MP, Mr Julius Silverman, MP, and Mr Peter Mooty.

Church news

The Rev Keith Norman Sutton, Principal of Ridley Hall Theological College, Cambridge, is to be Bishop Suffragan of Kingston upon Thames, in succession to Dr Montefiore, who was recently appointed Bishop of Birmingham. Mr Sutton, aged 43, has been principal or Ridley Hall since 1973. Before that he was tutor and chaplain of Bishop Tucker College at Mukono, Uganda.

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, Dec 13, 1952

The Queen's title The following announcement was issued from 10 Downing Street last night: The Prime Minister and representatives of Comother representatives of Com-monwealth countries in London for the Commonwealth Economic Con-ference have considered the form of the royal title. They recognize that the present ride is not in accord with current constitutional relations, within the Commonaccord with current constitutional and flead in relations within the Common-wealth, and that there is need for a new form of title which will, in particular, reflect the special position of the Sovereign as head of the Commonwealth. They concluded, after full consideration, that in the present stage of envisaged. the property of the control of the c

Other appointments

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Stock and Lamaca, diocese of Conous and The Gulf, to be Vicer of St. Bauf S. Harringay, diocese of London, The Rev C. Lansdale, Vicar of All Sants' Benhitton, diocese of Southwark, to be Team Rector of the Cattord and Downham Team Vinistry, same diocese.

Rev P. S. Wilson, Vicar of Corneys with Monellan and Domaph more, diocese of Derry and Raphoe, nore, diocese of Derry and Raphoe, to be priest-in-charge of S. Mary's, Castletown, diocese of Sodor and Man, The Rev R. M. Wilson, curate of St. Botoloh's, Knottingley, diocese of St. Luke's, Cleukhenton, same diocese. development of the Commonwealth relationship it would be in accord with the established constitutional with the established constitutional position that each member country should use for its own purposes a form of title which suits its own particular circumstances but retains a substantial element which is common to all. They agreed that the various forms of the title should, in addition to an appropriate territorial designation, have as their common element the description of the Sovereign as Queen of her other realms and territories and head of the Commonwealth. The representatives of all the Commonwealth countries concerned have agreed to take at the earliest convenient opportunity such action as is necessary in each country to secure the appropriate constitutional approval for the changes now envisaged.

Christian book award A biennial award of £1,000 to a book in English and published in the United Kingdom that has been inspired in some way by the Christian faith, by an author under 50, has been announced. It will be known as the Winifred Mary Stanford Prize and the first award will be made at Easter will be made at Easter.

Today's engagements

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The Prince of Wales, as Chairman, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal, visits Greater Manchester: Thameside College of Technology, 10.40; Adelphi Building, Salford, 3.20; Bolton Town Hall, 4.40; Octagon Theatre, Bolton, 7.35.

versity, 5.30.

The Duke of Gloucester judges entries for Historic Britain Photography Competition, Department of Entrionment, Marsham Street, Westminster, 3; as Patron, St Mary-le-Strand Restoration Trust, attends Festival of Christmas Music and Carols, St Mary-le-Strand, 6.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Clou-

Dickens Fellowship annual pre-Christmas drive

Belgian Chamber of Commerce The Belgian Ambassador and the Luxembourg Ambassador attended a luncheon given by the Belgian Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain at the Anglo-Belgian Club yesterday. The Belgian Minister for Foreign Trade, M H. de Bruyne, was the guest speaker. M Guy Roberty, Chairman of the chamber, presided. Other guests included Baron E. de Selys Longchamps, M H. Perdins and Baron Thierry de Gruben. Mr F. S. Law

By Huon Mallalieu
In 1975 Margaret Drabble wrote
that "there would be more
gennine rejoicing at the discovery
of a new novel by Jane Austen
than any other literary discovery,
short of a new major play by
Shakespeare, that one can
imagine". The discovery of an
unknown play by Jane Austen presumably ranks with that of a novel
by Shakespeare.
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Yesterday the manuscript of her Yesterday the manuscript of her Sir Charles Grandison or the Happy Man, a Comedy, based on Richardson's novel, was sold at Sotheby's for £17,000 (estimate about £15,000). It came from the collection of her great-great-nephews and was bought by Mr David Astor, of Jubilee Books, Burford, who was determined that it should not be "lost in the library of an American university." The second day of the sale of

library of an American university."

The second day of the sale of aniograph letters, manuscripts and documents made a total of £77,822, with 4.5 per cent bought in. A letter from Professor Tolkien to Naomi Mitchison describing the Westron and Elvish languages in The Lord of The Rings was sold for £680 (estimate £600 to £800), and another, thanking her for a review, for £700 (estimate £600 to £700).

Sotheby's also sold Chinese and Annamese ceramics, bronzes and works of art, and antiquities and tribal art. In the former sale an early Ming blue-and-white dice bowl decorated with dragons went bowl decorated with dragons went to an anonymous buyer for £28,000 (estimate, £20,000 to £30,000). A large grey pottery figure of a woman, dating from the Han dynasty, went to Hirano from Japan for £20,000 (estimate £7.000 to £9,000), and J. T. Tai, also from Japan, paid £18,000 for an archaic bronze ritual food vessel dating from the Shang or early Western Chou dynasty (estimate £10,000 to £12,000.

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wine vessel from the Shang dynasty went to another anonymous bidder for £17,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000). The sale made a total of £635,140, with 14.3 per cent bought in.

The antiquities made a total of £167,485. A lace-period Egyptian black basalt head of an official was sold for £13,500, and in a very different tradition, a Bakongo wood maternity figure went for £9,200 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000).

Christie's sold miniatures and objects of virth bringing a total of £41,510, with 20 per cent bought in. and English watercolours made £40,373, with 8 per cent bought in. The Lesson ", a fine example of Myles Birket Foster's high-Victorian style and subject matter, was sold for £3,600 (estimate £1.500 to £2,000).

Phillips, who held their first New York sales in Madison Avenue last week, have acquired Coleman Auction Galleries, at 525 East 72nd Street, generally regarded as the fourth largest auction house in New York. Coleman's, founded in 1920 and situated in a former theatre, will provide Phillips with much

ated in a former theatre, will provide Philips with much needed space for larger auctions

Christmas appeal

A Christmas appeal, the proceeds of which will be distributed to firefighting teams of Servicemen and members of the Forces serving in Northern Ireland, was made vesterday by Lord George-Brown, Mr Grimond, MP, Sir lan Glimour, MP, and Mr Winston Churchill, MP. Donations should be sent to Soldlers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA), 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9BZ, marked "Christmas Appeal".

The Queen holds an investiture,

Edwards was in his own way a devoted Welshman, who in later years spent much of his leisure in Monmourhshire, and Princess Margaret, as Chan-cellor, atends ball, Keele Uni-versity, 5.30.

or mary-te-strand, 6.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Cloucester attends gala concert given by London Mozart Players, Festival Hall, 7.45.

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to Ulster in the eighteenth century, Petrie's own branch returning in the 1870s to Liverpool, in whose civic, particularly Tory, activities Petrie's father, the first batoner, played a considerable part. Petrie's mother was a Macdonald descended from a younger brother of the Seven Men of Moidart who had taken refuge in Canada after the defeat of the Forty-Five. Indeed, Petrie used to attribute his lifelong interest in the Jacobines (whose cause formed the theme of undoubtedly his the theme of undoubtedly his best historical work) to his descent on both sides from Stuart supporters.

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brother as third baronet in 1927 played a considerable part in the Tory politics of his time from his undergraduate days onward, being as much inter-

ested in contemporary politics as in the history about which

he wrote.

The Petries, a family which came originally from Aberdeen and Kincardineshire (an ancestor fought at Bannockburn), declined in fortune as a result of supporting the Stuarts after the Revolution. They migrated to Ulster in the eighteenth century. Petrie's own branch

he wrote.

oxford. He went up to the university in October, 1914 and, like many others of his generation who survived, returned there after the war. Together with many fellow undergradustes who later herame formus ates who later became famous. he played a considerable part in the politics of the time. He was the first President of the Oxford Carlton Club, and so remained for many years and, on coming down, founded the Eighteen Club, the object of which was to keep Conser-vatives who had been at Oxford since 1918 in touch with each other. The club, which dined mouthly until the early 1950s, contained a number of distinguished members and represen-

He was educated privately and at Corpus Christi College,

Indeed, apart from his pro-fession as a historian, Petrie would probably best wish to have been remembered for his fostering of Oxford Toryism. (He would have preferred to call it Toryism rather than Con-

SIR CHARLES PETRIE

Historian and man of letters Sir Charles Alexander Petrie, Bt, CBE, historian and man of letters, died yesterday at the age of 82.

Petrie, who succeeded his petrie, who succeeded his petries of the wall out of the war.")

Petrie's first book was published in 1929 under the title of The History of Government and attracted little attention. ment and attracted little attention. From then on, however, he published a series of historical works which showed sound schokarship. His George Canning, published in 1930 and republished in 1949, was the forerumer of a series of excellent histories, but his The Jacobita Movement (1932, with a new edition in 1959), was unedition in 1959), was undoubtedly his most important work. His inherited Jacobite sympathies combined with his modern Toryism to make this book, which was still further brought up to date in 1959, a labour of love. Indeed, the research into new unpublished documents for his later books, The Marshal Duke of Berwick (1953), and The Stuarts (1937, and revised after the war), the and revised after the warl, the former containing a number of hitherto unpublished letters between the Duke of Berwick and Alba and his son, who was campaigning in the 1745 rebellion, largely assisted Petrie in producing the 1959 version of The Jacobite Movement.

His sense of historical armos-

His sense of historical atmosphere again was to be seen in phere again was to be seen in his The Four Georges: A Re-valuation (1935) and in his Wellington: A Re-assessment (1956). His interest in con-temporary diplomatic bistory showed itself in his Life and Letters of Sir Austen Chamber-lain (two vols 1939-40).

After the war he produced A Diplomatic History 1713-1933 (1946) and Earlier Diplomatic History 1492-1713 (1949). His interest in Spain (he was a corresponding member of the Royal Spanish Academy of History and of the Institucion Feruando el Catolico, Zaragoza; a Commander of the Order of Isahella the Catholic and a Knight of the Order of Civil Merit) showed itself in his History of Spain which he wrote ted at least two generations of Oxford Toryism with Louis Bertrand in 1934 and which was published in a new edition in 1957, and the History of the Spanish Royal House in

Petrie's Chapters of Life, an autobiography (1950), was a pleasing reflection of the author's character; amiable and

write prolifically well into old age. Later books included Philip II of Spain (1963); King Alfonso XIII (1963);

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King Alfonso XIII (1963);
Scenes of Edwardian Life
(1965); Don John of Austria
(1967); The Drift to World
War 1900-1914 (1968); A Historian looks at his World
(1972); and A Short History of
Spain (1976).

Petrie was anached to the
War Cabinet Office in 1918-19
and it was perhaps in those
offices, surrounded by history,
that his first interest in historical matters developed. He became in later years president
of the Military Historical
Society of Ireland and, for many became in later years president of the Military Historical Society of Ireland and, for many year, edited The Household Brigade Magazine. He was foreign editor of the English Review from 1931-37—them a considerable force in Tory pointics—associate editor in 1940-41, and editor in 1941-43 of The Empire Review, and managing editor of The New English Review from 1945-50. During the Second World War he was official lecturer to HM Forces and travelled widely in the pursuit of his duries. He was a Commendatore of the Order of the Crown of Italy and a Commander of the Order of George I of Greece, this latter being a reward for the behind-the scenes role he played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to the Played in helping to the Played in the Played in

scenes role he played in helping to secure the first restoration of King George II of the Hellenes in 1934.

Perrie was an ardent monarchist and was on terms of personal friendship with the claimants to the thrones of Austria. Spain, France and Portugal, But in political, as in social matters, Petrie, though a right-winger, was no die-hard. right winger, was no die-hard. Iske his hero, Charles II, he liked people to be easy about him, a fact which contributed him, a fact which contributed to the wide circle of his friends. He was twice married, first to Ursula, daughter of the late Judge Dowdall. The son of the nurriage. Charles Richard Rorthwick Petrie, succeeds him. The marriage was dissolved in 1925. Petrie's second marriage. 1925. Petrie's second marriage was in 1926 to Cecilia Mason by whom he had one son. It was ideally happy. Lady Petric sharing his political interestion and moreover being, participately in civic matters (she with Mayor of Kensington from 1934-56 and a member of te? LCC from 1949) a very distinher personality in her own right to for

PROFESSOR SIR HUGH ROBSON

Professor Sir Hogh Robson, FRCP, FRCPEd, FRACP, FRSE, Principal of the University of Edinburgh since 1974, died on December 11 at the age of 60. Hugh Robson was a man of great strength of character and leadership who, as Princi-pal and Vice-Chancellor, made a major impact on two great universities, who on the national stage gave sterling service to the public and to the university community and who, as a dis-tinguished teacher of medicine, did much for the cause of medical education in two continents. Born on October 18, 1917,

in Langholm and educated at Langholm and Dumfries academies, he entered the University of Edinburgh to study medicine and graduated MB, ChB in 1941. His war service was with the RNVR as Surgeon-Lieutenant, in the Western Approaches. Normandy, Arakan and Malaya, from 1942-46.

Returning to the University of Edinburgh as a lecturer in medicine in 1947, he was within three years appointed to a Senior Lectureship in the Uni-versity of Aberdeen and in a further three years, at the age of 35, to a chair—that of the first Professor of Medicine—at

the University of Adelaide, in Australia. The twelve years of his stay at the University of Adelaide were to see the flowering of his career as a teacher and clinical practitioner of medicine, as well as service to the University as a whole, and public service within Australia, which of itself would merit a full tribute and about which more must be written. It must have been with some regret that he and his family left their second, adopted, country and all the friends they had made there in 1965

He returned to the United Kingdom to Sheffield in 1966 to face a new situation, and at that time, an unknown one. No

Keeper of the Department of Woodwork, and subsequently

Shipston-on-Stour He was Welsh on both sides, his father being a member of a family

period. Friends in Sheffield will pay tribute to the magnificent service there for eight years. But it is to the greater scene that we must pay the greatest tribute—to his work for the Commonwealth Universities as a whole and during the years 1971-74, when he was first Vice-Chairman and then Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals. In his role as Chairman of the Vice-Chan-cellors' Committee he had a firm grip of the essentials while inspiring the universities to meet the serious winds of change sometimes blowing from Government sometimes from students, sometimes from academic staff and sometimes from the public. At the University of Edin-

burgh, to which he was proud to return in 1974 as Principal and Vice-Chancellor, there, will be the deepest sorrow that his Principalship, to which he came when the University was experiencing troubled times should now have been cut so short. Under his leadership, a period of disturbed relationships had already given way to one in which the concept of community could again come to the fore and cooperation between all

parts of the University had be-come the keymate in settling harmoniously the problems it

the 10 most difficult years of their history—years of student unrest, of student change, as well as of necessary internal change and development—all at a time of rapid expansion involving doubling of student numbers after the Robbins Report. Sheffield University was indeed forgulate to have Hugh of the Royal College of Physicians in 1986. Ship cians (London) in 1986, ship cians (London) in numbers after the Robbins Report Sheffield University was indeed fortunate to have Hugh of the Royal Society of Ender burgh in 1975, and in the saley year was admitted as Hon I als Robson there as Vice-Chancellor and Principal in these critical times, but so were all the uniof the University of Pent at vania, and Hon LLD of versities of the United Kingdom, for they inherited in Hugh Robson one who was high in their counsels and in positions University of Sheffield. In 1, he was elected to the Fellow ship of the Royal Society of of leadership throughout this Arts and in the same year to the Hon Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Robson held many official

appointments. He was chairman of the Central Committee on Postgraduate Medical Education: (Great Britain) from 1968-70. and of the Council for Post-graduate Medical Education in England and Wales from 1970. 72; he was chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universi. ties of the United Kingdond from 1972-74. He was chairman of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs from 1971-769 He served on the United Nations University Founding Committee. Since 1974 he ham been chairman of the Scottis Health Services Planning Cours cil. He was recently appoints chairman of the Advisory Cor-mittee on Medical Training is

the EEC. He was a member of Executive Committee of Inter-University Council Higher Education Overseas Governing Trustee of the Natical Provincial Hospital Trust, and Chairman of Parish Commission of Parish Commission Uverseas, 5 British Committee of Award the Harkness Fellowships (Comonwealth Fund). He to knighted in January 1974.

He married Alice Livingsto'
MB, CLB, in 1942. She survig in that time, an unknown one. No faced one then knew that the universities of this country were to face ship of the Royal College of and a son.

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MR RALPH EDWARDS Mr Raiph Edwards, CBE, FSA, who was from 1937 to 1954

woodwork, and subsequently adviser on works of art to the Mindstry of Works and the Historic Buildings Councils, died on December 13. He was 83. Herbert Cecil Ralph Edwards was born on June 24, 1894, the son of Rev W. A Edwards, at one time vicar of Tredington, Shinston-on-Stour He was

Before many years had passed he was acknowledged to possess an immensely wide and scholarly knowledge of English furniture, and his later writings on the subject include an important new edition of the dic-tionary for the revision of which be was salely responsible, in 1953 (a cite volume edition appeared in 1963); a short Hisbeing a member of a family prominent in the Church of Wales (Alfred George Edwards; the first Archibishop of Wales, was Ralph Edwards's great uncle), and his mother a daughter of an old family of Vale of Glamorgan gentlefolk, the Pritchards of Pwil-y-Wrach. tory of the English Chair, pub-lished by the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1951; and Georgian Cabinet-Makers, 1944, written in collaboration with Margarer Jourdain, an invalu-able reference book, of which a revised edition appeared in 1955. He was the author also a devoted Welshman, who in 1955. He was the author also later years spent much of his of many manying articles and leisure in Monmourbshire, and gave long and valuable service to the National Museum of Wales, as a member of its court and council and especially as chairman of its art and archaeothery committee.

charman of its art and archaeology committee.

He was educated privately and at Heriferd College, Oxford, and during 1917-18 served in the First World War. He was, however, throughout his life a man of poor health, and was twice invalided out of the Army. He passed his Rar examinations, and was on the editorial staff of Country Life from 1921 to 1926. He had before the end of that period become associated with Percy Macquoid in the editorship of The Dictionary of English Furniture 1924-27, and in 1926 was appointed to a posi-

tion in the Department of Wood-work at the Victoria and Albert Museum—and 11 years later succeeded to the Keepership of that Department.

Before many years had passed

tion in the Department of Wood-work at the Victoria and Albert sessions. He was far more them an expert on furniture, and the had a sound general grast the most things that are usedange decorate the interior of a bo. In He had, too, an exception trite good eye. He was, for examine an expert on miniatures, he had considerable knowledge of How-lish wavercolours and drawlesses. considerable knowledge of How-lish watercolours and drawinself and did notable pioneer varied on conversation pictures. Tif he last he studied much more man prehensively than in their riters generally recognized Enjacted eighteensh-century form; ission bis book. Early Conversed to Pictures, published in 1954 in the a very original study of meny a very original study of ment origins and early develops of this genre from the Mi that Ages until about 1730. could Frail in body, and dactic-clearly unwell, Ralph Edwened, was an invigorating and that bative conversationalist would bative conversationalist would companion. There were passible few of his friends who or not find themselves in virtual for disagreement with him at tin not but his friendship was westworth an occasional tiff—which never developed into a lasting quarrel; and "anyway Ralnh is ment many times delivered after the temporary heat of argument had died down. He was, indeed, a very social person, who enjoyed, among others ow to the thirty the ere and the state of th

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Science report

of sexual organs in a test insect, Dysdercus, producing sterile adults.

The Indian group finds that the

comprised. which it names B-asarone, is effective when added to the final larval stage of Dysdercus, producing adult fe-

). Nature-Times News Service,

Enformology: Insecticides

Indian scientists have added another compound to the list of natural plant products that produce sterility in insects and might be developed as insecticides harmless to man and other animal life.

Dr Bhaskar Saxena and his colleagues from the regional research leaboratory of the Indian scientific government research council at Jammu Tawi have isolated a compound from the "sweet flag", Acorus culomus, a waterside plant, that stops the normal development of sexual organs in a test insect, professive modulars as testing the hadly needed new insecticides. the hadly needed new insecticides. By Nature-Times News Service. ource: Nature, 270; 572, Dec 8,

Peter Nichols talks to five regional chairmen—a Socialist, a Communist and three Christian Democrats—about their plans and administrative problems

Calabria's 'desperate'

The three main political parties have their share of chairmanships of regional administrations. They also share the difficulties imposed by regional differences.

The Christian Democrats have all the southern regions. In several of them they

five special regions, is Sig-nor Platro Socido, salid began his career or local government which at 27 he was elected angor of his native town of Benetania. He went on to join the Sassari provinried coluncial and was elected for the first time to the regional council in 1961. Re' has at various times been in charge of the island's de-velopment plan, industry, finance and health.

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The gentleman of Verona

In the Veneto—to take a region diametrically opposed in geographical terms and in outlook to Calabirate the Christian Democrats have an absolute majority and problems which are real enough but without the desperate touch the south provides.

The head of the regional

The head of the regional administration, Signor Angelo Tomelleri, comes from Verona where he was born 53 years ago. He began his career in local government as a municipal councillor of Verona and was elected a member of the provincial council in 1960. Paralysis due to the increase in the debts of the hospitals. This was a hot potato passed on to us by potato the chairmanship in February, 1965. He was elected for the regional council in 1970 and was elected for the first time its chairmans in August. He is now in his third term of office.

He is against the idea of the regions drawn up as a solid block against the central authorides. He prefers that this region tries to make a contribution of its own. Where collaboration is required, he tries to seek it with regions having the most in common with the Signor Tomelleri believes Veneto.

over regionalism has now public opinion, will have to given way to an attempt to be saved by contributions face problems that are prifrom all, but in particular twarfly economic. "We are from the people of the at the moment-conducting a region and from the Venebattle to escape from the tians, to give it a function, grip of indebtedness and a role, a new life.



with regions having the "international passport".

most in common with the Signor Tomelieri believes enero. that the city, which is so The original euphoria well known to international

troubles are now worse

set off the revolt in 1970 of Reggio Calabria, the region's biggest city. The Government attempted to "Issessmic territory and placate the rebels. An our politics are as unstable arrangement was made by as the terrain." The standing of the state, as high officials confirm, "is zero", and so far the region has meeting; of the regional failed to stimulate public council take place in Reggio failed to stimulate public confidence in political insticouncil take place in Reggio confidence in political insti-Calabria. It is two hours tutions.

are How working in formal agreement with the Communists. But the responsibility is theirs, and it can be heavy.

Sardinia makes special case

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The ranks of Tuscany face left

drive between the two, a The regional commission waste of many people's time set up two years ago to study crime—meaning the mainly the Mafia, though this was not specified—has just held its first substantive offices near them for reference and information. The economic promises made seven years ago remain unfulfilled; the biggest promise of all—to build a steel works at Gioia Signor Akio Ferrara, a lawyer elected at Caramaru. Before his election in 1970 has already begun.

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A radical in Ravenna

Emilia Romagna stroughold communism and

regional adorinistration is led by Signor Sergio Cavina, whose career has been largely that of a party administrator. Aged 48 and born in Ravenna, he was already a member of the party in January, 1945. He was secretary of the Communist Youth Federation in Ravenna and went on to become na and went on to become secretary of the party federation in Ravenna from 1959 to 1965.

After four years as a municipal councillor, he was elected to the regional counof the party's central com-mittee and from 1965 has been regional secretary. His problems include maintaining the Communist Party's policy of showing themselves to be efficient administrators. In this he has a big advantage over his collectures in the regions administrators. In this he Liguria, Lazio, and Piedbas a big advantage over his mont. Their gains in the colleagues in the regions 1975 elections were unmore recently gained by the expectedly large and placed Communists or where they have a large share in party's resources.



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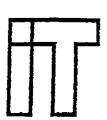
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Church balances its cheques

by Giovanni Nervo

22, 1975, that Parliament called on the Government to

62 national bodies. In addition, it transferred to the mediate groups, and the outcommunes the functions, line laws—which should staff and assets of several guide legislative activity in thousand public assistance the regions and guarantee of the people; whether the present of the people; whether the pluralism that was services rendered are valid; (IPAI), 8,000 communal affirmed and enshrined in whether there is duplication the constitution—are still appropriate and whether there is duplication.

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by Giovanni Nervo

tice; the second concerns the substance of the law itself.

In the first place the time schedule is eight, and compulsory. It is feared that for some years local authorities will be in serious difficulties in absorbing their new parting up the regions; this bad been one of the aims of the Catholic political movement from the outset. The Constituent Assembly had given Parliament a two-year time limit for the job.

In reality, the five regions usually known today as the special statute regions were set up very quickly; the other 15 were only set up to the regions; there is no doubt it was only with the now famous law no 382 of July 22, 1975, that Parliament called on the Government to issue a decree having the this this law and a proper and concerns the substance of the law itself.

In the first place the time schedule is eight, and communed legal recognition under the time obtained legal recognition under the time obtained legal recognition under the terms of the 1890 law. The IPAB are public services the will be in serious difficulties in absorbing their new policies, operating under divers the control.

Decree no 616 transfers to the control will be the public services and assisting and the people that use them that will suffer, and, in the special statute regions were a preparation for such a law was it possible to the special statute regions were the weak.

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Moreover, there was almost in the communes the functions, statute regions were and complex operation. But perhaps everything can be explained if it is remembered that only through a revolutionary, almost unexpected law was it possible to overcome resistance of a kind that for more than 20 were the wishes of the dissolution of the IPAB, and their transfer to the dissolution of the IPAB, and their transfer to the dissolution of the IPAB, and their transfer to the dissolution of the IPAB, and their transfer to the dissolution of the IPAB which will be

to the regions the functions, munes, at greater socialization fortunately, to review all its finance and assets of 16 tion of the public administration welfare, educational, and general departments belong tion, and that may be all to health organizations so as to ing to nine ministries, six the good. However, at the relate them more closely to ministerial departments, and tame time the decree does the needs of the people, and 62 national bodies. In addi- not allow any room for inter- to local programmes.

(IPAI). 8.000 communal essistance organizations the constitution—are still in the constitution or overlapping; and whether the would lot be more meant ingful, from the passoral point of view, to abandon certain organizations and apply manpower and financial resorces to newly discovered needs for which no me makes provision.

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22. 1975, that Parliament to issue a decree having the force of law, to complete the transfer of powers fixed by the constitution.

After a number of post-poneints the decree, no 616. was issued on July 24, 1977. Bearing in mind the wide scope of the decree, influence. Indeed, it could mass of functions, staff, assets and, finances transferred to the regions, and the consequent i diversity and mass of interests that the decree affects, it is easy to understand the strong reaction that was chased in all circles, and at all levels.

Decree no 616 transferred to the regions the fanctions, the regions and the comes, and assets of 16 fortunately, to review all its fortunately.

anxiety. The first concerns their own assets Others have Monsignor Nervo is vice-the timing and manner of been added since 1890; they president of Caritas Italiana, putting the law into prac- are also welfare organiza- a national charity.

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Tourism struggles in straitjacket

administrative responsibility for a stourism is concerned to trourism from the Ministry for Tourism and Entertainment to the regions reign authorities. Inside Italy, therefore, the regions reign almost supreme. Abroad however, the point where the structure which ran from the concerned trourism is concerned to sconcerned the veneto. Much for outline and the Veneto. Much could be made of lake transtocated back because of the central sevent of the central country but development has moment for both the central government bodies. But, the season over the full operations.

Inexperience has also led any regional toes, they would also appear to be used only 35 per cent of the

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lveco: a world of experience.

by Mary Venturini

most lucrative tourism small local office through of a Tuscan tourist delegapleased with their new year, or on the south. It still retains the relevant provincial and in control. It still retains the regional bodies up to the unfortunate incident when rid of previous day-to-day one of its best tourist seather the overseas customers. The old bureaucratic structions—one on behalf of the unfashion through its operational arm through its operational arm.

responsibility for attracting one of its best tourist seasons. Even in the unfashionshie first half of the year the number of visitors was up 20 per cent and although superstraint of the regional and the very are known to have been record months.

Behind the brilliant facade. However, the Italian tourist industry has been struggling with new organizational difficulties which have preventiful the country from making the most of its potential. The recent regions and ministrative responsibility for attracting one of its best tourism the unfashionship through its operational arm, through its operational arm, and the other for tourism and the other for tourism—launched other for tourism—launc

Signor Antoniozzi is hopa plan to stagger industrial holidays. He is also working

ferent regions a share of the same pie. Clearly, however, this will require a high

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has a population approach-ing nine million while Molise has about 300,000. Wealth is unevenly distributed. If the national average income of each inhabitant is 100, the figure for Calabria is less is 137. But the aim neverthe less is to rediscover Italy's traditional heritage of self-government where it still exists and to foster it where it is not a part of the local

—all islands or border terri-tories—with special statutes of their own which are wider than those of the other 15 the institution was intended to counteract separatist feeling Four of these special regions, Sicily, Sardinia, Valle d'Aosta and Trentinoone, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, in 1963. They were areas regar

No one would pretend that egionalism in Italy has been in untarnished story of success. Scandals and ruption had their Violence marked the baptism of both the Calabria and the ervants and politicians free f the traditional faults of oth has not been fulfilled. The full period of regional-sm came too late. By the ime the 15 ordinary egions were set on the arious ways, the period of nd the imperus which in

the means placed at the disposal of regional adminis-Not only was there a long period spent in creating the full regional pattern—22 years—but reluctance was frequently shown at centre to give a generous reading of the constitutional powers granted to the regions. And, more surpris ingly perhaps, the regions themselves have behaved as

have given was lacking. Infla-tion is cutting heavily into

The law finally defining regional powers which came into force last July found a pared to take on the new responsibilities facing them especially in health and wel-fare. And it immediately ran into the criticisms of the ecclesiastical hierarchy which eaw it as an unwarranted interference in the tradi-tional role of Catholic chari-ties and other bodies connected with the Church which in the past filled many gaps left by the ineffectual state. Nevertheless, the adven

ture has begun and in the claims of local feeling re greater means of expression whether it be Provence, or Brittany, Scotland or the Walloons or the Basques, deserves to be watched

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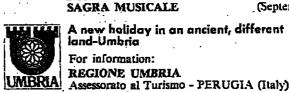
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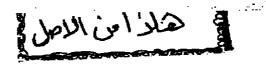


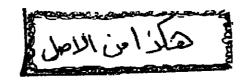
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SHOULD THE DOLLAR SINK?

The present turmoil on the protectionist lobby is putting trading partners. They do not Palent not be easily resolved. It is the ment between the leaders of the hat industrialized world on the best the mass masses the world's economic problems of continuing slow program growth, high unemployment and yet persistent inflation.

The different view taken on the BEC of the August of the BEC of the dollar's decline is a reflecin the past 10 days that the American Government's policy of benign neglect is a deliberate one. As the dollar has dropped rapidly from record low. to record low, the pressure for concerted international effort to

halt the decline has mounted. Those countries whose own currencies have been subject to most ingward pressure—chiefly the Germans and Swiss in Europe have become more vocal in their opposition to the dollars tall. Riest at the secret meeting of figure ministers in Paris 10 days ago and then again in Basic this week the Americans have been urged to throw their weight behind the European effort to stabilize the foreign exchange markets. They have politely declined.

There are good reasons why they should do so. The weakness of the dollar this year stems from the massive and widening trade deficit which America is running with the rest of the world. This has been a major source of expansion for other countries, notwithstanding the large oil element in the deficit. America has provided a market for foreigners whose own domesic growth has been insufficient n provide jobs for all.

the United States too. A growing payments positions of their

domestic market of foreign —Germany and Japan in particular-to boost their domestic growth. This would encourage imports from America and divert some of the present export effort in these countries away from the United States market. However, American exhortations to this effect in successive international meetings have been unheeded and so the trade gap has yawned

wider. The resulting fall in the

dollar is proving a far more effective weapon than mere

The governments of Germany. and Japan are frightened by the damaging effects that the sharp rise in their currencies could have on their domestic economies. The Americans' hope is that this will force them into expansion. It is of little use to complain, as the Germans have, that American policy towards the dollar is jeopardizing economic growth elsewhere. That growth musr be the responsibility of other governments, say the Americans. They can no longer carry the whole burden of pull-

ing the world out of slump. The present delicate stage in the trade negotiations with the Japanese means that the Carter Administration is particularly unwilling to contemplate largescale support for the dollar at this stage. Central bankers are anyway intervening massively on the exchanges. If the Americans joined in, possibly by activating their \$20,000m or so of swop lines, this would be tantamount But there is unemployment in to underwriting the favourable

world's currency markets will, pressure on the Administration want to do that until they have to stop the incursion into the gained the maximum concessions on trade from the Japanese and imports. The government others In Europe, the Germans believes that the way to solve and the Swiss are far more this is for the surplus countries worried about the sinking dollar —Germany and Japan in partition for example the British. German competitiveness is de-teriorating rapidly while a rising mark is actually helping British exporters more than they are hurt by the weaker dollar.

The Americans are playing a strong hand Exchange rate changes have a minimal effect on economy as trade is only a small proportion of gnp. The damaging effects on inflation are further curtailed by the pricing of their major imports—oil—in depreciating dollars. Therein lies the rub. One major risk in the present United States policy is its potential effect on the oil price. It is unlikely to affect the price decision which will come out of the present Opec talks, but is almost certain to undermine the moderates in the future. Pricing may well be switched to a basket of currencies. The other risk is that the oil funds which now flow into the United States, covering the current deficit, will begin to go elsewhere. The dis-roption this would cause to the international financial system would dwarf the present upheavels.

While the American Government continues to judge the benign neglect" there is lictle that the rest of the industrishized world can do to change their minds. Their best policy is probably to bow to the inevit-able and boost their own growth as far as they can, while hoping that the usually generous Americans will help them once they have made their intentions

NO CASE FOR UNIONS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Mr Mulley as Defence Secre- the number of those who take dent review body-which then 'ary recently said that he had 20 objection to members of the armed forces seeking trade union representation. What exactly he had in mind remains unclear. However, his remarks have reawakened the interest of a number of unions who can see nutual advantage in recruiting from the ranks—and one or two lave put out exploratory feelers. Vith the Defence Secretary himelf giving his apparent blessing nd with members of the forces nhappy over their pay and conitions, the ground could haroly appropriate to examine both the unions. But this would be diffi-

quences. Mr Mulley's statement was unbiguous because servicemen are already allowed to join rade unions and are, in theory, encouraged to do so. This is because union membership.
night make it easier for them to (ind jobs on their return to civilian life. It also enables 'andsmen, who join the 'fusicians' Union, to accept out-ide engagements during their pare time. They are not allowed however to negotiate through heir unions over pay, still less o strike or otherwise interfere with the normal procedures of service life. The advantages are the Department of Health making therefore not obvious, and while representations to an indepen-

up the option is not known, it not thought to be very large. The inference must be that Mr Mulley was referring to the far wider issue, that indeed he has no objection to members of the forces joining a union and having that union represent them in negotiations over pay and conditions. This would still not necessarily endow them with the right to strike. But it would enable the men to have their case for improvement put before the Government with some force.

One solution would be for servicemen to join existing possibilities and the conse- cult if only because they represent a wide spectrum of crafts and skills. The alternative would be to form a new union or professional association, which would look after service interests specifically. The Police Federation is the model which obviously springs, to mind. This would not necessarily negotiate over pay and conditions directly with the Government, but could make representations to the independent Armed Forces Pay Review Body-which already exists. One might envisage the sort, of machinery which is used to determine doctors' pay-with the British Medical Association and

reports to the Prime Minister. (Though it is worth remarking that many doctors are not very happy with that system either.) But it is hard to see how such

an organization could exist with-out in time changing fundamentally the non-political character and the code of disciplinary behaviour of the armed forces. Their loyalty could only be impaired by being divided. True, the Dutch and West German armies have their unions, but they are different armies from our own-and they would arguably be more efficient withservices want union representation? There is no serious evidence that they do. Certainly they now feel under-represented and forgotten, as the civilian unions flex their industrial muscle to win more pay and better conditions. But this dissatisfaction, however deeply felt, has not so far been crystallized into a general call for union representation. It remains within the power of the Government to remove the cause of this dis-content by showing more sympathy and more flexibility than it has so far. More sensitive handling of the present machinery would remove the need for finding a substituteand would in the end be a preferable alternative.

NO SALADINS FOR EL SALVADOR

There are no absolute principles equally brutal is disproved by governing the sale of arms where the buyer is not an ally nor deemed to be a friendly power. In such cases commercial benefit will be foremost but must be weighed against strategic or nolitical and moral restraints. Sometimes the strategic interest which tells against arms sales is indirect but no less significant. Frequently in cases of political objection the government is undemocratic, given to severe repression and torture and may even want the goods to further such ends.

Why, then, is Britain selling surplus armoured vehicles to El Salvador? For years past this Government has been as nasty as the worst in Latin America, brutally repressive, given to the murder of opponents and to forture of those detained. That this behaviour is confined to irreconcilable extremists of left; extreme left. As if allowing that his government meets civilized and right whose methods are

or those people who have chronic,

life-threatening kidney disease. Due

scarce and many patients, especially

children and the middle aged, have

recently received a circular from

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the number of Roman Catholic priests among those held as subversives. What can three Ferrets and twelve Saladins no longer

needed in Ulster be wanted for? In Parliament last week Lord Goronwy-Roberts tried to allay questioners' anxiety. He admitted Salvador's declared support for Guatemala's claim against British Honduras but said that the British Government had required and been given an assurance that there was no possibility of these vehicles being used against British troops in Belize. Lord Goronwy-Roberts claimed that the new government of President Romero has been showing signs of following a different policy and it would be discouraging to his efforts to cancel the President Romero faced grave danger from terrorists on the extreme right as well as the

vincing it was added that the deal was very small-a mere £850,000.

It might be asked why Britain is not following President Carter's example, who suspended military aid to El Salvador last If any country has a strategic interest in central America it is the United States. In any case President Romero's progressive and pacific intentions seem already to have petered out since he took office. Most reports from El Salvador agree that in the past three months repression has been as brutal as ever. There are no signs of the tension in the country getting any less. There must be more worthy customers for these second-hand vehicles. An all-party motion now seeks to have the deal cancelled. At least delivery should be deferred until President Romero has shown that

this defence was not wholly con- standards. been doing this once or twice a day for five weeks. My time three, three and a half to four minutes. If I deliberately omitted to ask about more contentious items such as your diarist would like to take me on. I'll race him up any day of the

DONALDSON, House of Lords.

December 7.

From Mr R. D. Wilkins tranquillizers and sleeping tablets. Sir, There have been disturbing re-While I appreciate many virtues in our concept of a National Health ports in the press recently about the inadequate facilities made available in this country in order to

Service I am quite unable to defend a system which allows people to die because of lack of money for dialysis machines when, at the same time, vast amounts are spent on medicines that the majority of the population could well afford to buy. Any health service must surely get its priorities right. Yours sincerely,

R. D. WII VINS, River House, Leigh Place, Surrey. December 3.

Heavy breathing

From Lord Donaldson Sir, Like Sir Frank Cooper (letter, December 9) I was cut to the quick by your disrist's suggestion that I find any difficulty in climbing 11 All these figures relate to 1975. flights of stairs to my office. I have

December 9.

In Regent's Park From Mr Nicholas Treadwell

From Mr Nicholas Treadwell
Sir. I am another of those who
walk in Regent's Park daily, but,
unlike Mr Brown (Letters, December 6), I am delighted with the
"imposition" of Nicholas Monro's
marvellous larger than life sculpture of Morecambe and Wise. As
well as demonstrating the vitality
of British sculpture in the seventies,
it suggests that although life has
its depressing elements today, we
Londonars are managing to keep our Londoners are managing to keep our sense of humour. Yours sincerely, NICHOLAS TREADWELL, 36 Chiltern Street: Wi.

It was said in a leading article in The Times yesterday that Britain would have to fall into line when the European Parliament decides on a miform system for European a uniform system for European elections. That is not so. Article 138 (3) of the Treaty of Rome states:

"The Assembly soall draw up proposals for elections by direct universal suffrage in accordance with a uniform procedure in all member states. The Council [of Ministers] shall, acting manimously lay down the appropriate provisions, which it shall recommend to member states shall recommend to member states for adoption in accordance with the respective constitutional require-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

inquiry

From Sir Claude Hayes Sir. Nearly nine days ago Sir. Harold Wilson caused wonder by saying that in 1972 Mrs. Hert came to him with "horrifying" documentation on subterraneous matters in connexion with the Crown Agents, and that she ran into the most formidable system of fortification, a closing of the ranks, a cover up. ing of the ranks, a cover up.
No doubt this will be the subject

of careful investigation by the new tribunel of inquiry. But that may not be for months. Meanwhile it might be shought that the manage-ment of the Crown Agents at the time were 2 party to such a cover up; and these thoughts fester, where there are no antibodies.

I therefore owe it to the staff of the Crown Agents to say now that nothing was ever brought to my notice, officially or confidentially, that can be connected in any way with what Sir Harold Wilson now relates

relates.
Yours feithfully,
C. J. HAYES,
Prinkham,
Chiddingstone Hoath,
Edenbridge, Keut. December 12.

Fixing farm prices From Mr R, C. Leventhorpe

Sir. The Ministry of Agriculture has Sir, The Ministry of Agriculture has just announced the price that milk producers will receive for the first three months of 1978. The actual sum is still far from clear but appears to be between 49 and 50 pence per gallon (like some Yorkshire rebels and the majority of ordinary people I still think and work in imperial measurement).

Last Way My Silkin gave as near

Last May Mr Silkin gave as near a promise as politicians ever do that the price from January to March would be 52 pence a gallon. The Milk Marketing Board, in its innocence, thereon fixed a price for the year to take account of this and of the "award"—already delayed for two months for 1977/78, an award that covered only half the increased costs in the previous year and took no account of the current receive inflation of about 15 per cent year's inflation of about 15 per cent. Now the MMB are forced to cut back the price paid to producers for the next four months by two pence per gallon at the height of the expensive winter milk period so that producers will receive no more than the independent returns of less. that producers will receive no more than the inadequate returns of last winter. I will cite just two examples of increased costs. A well deserved agricultural wages award of 13 per cent, giving a minimum wage of £44 and opposed by the Minister, which will add one penny per gallon to costs immediately, and a 10 to 16 per cent increase in fertilizer costs, allowed under price code rules and partly due to the cajolement of ICI to renegoriate its North Sea gas comract, adding over

North Sea gas contract, adding over the year approximately another half penny. Our case is never submitted to the Prices Commission. Agriculture remains, and will probably always remain, our largest industry, but could any other industry compete with Europe against a 30 per cent discount on its receipts imposed by the green pound? More and more farmers will be driven to the wall pig farmers last summer beef producers currently, and milk producers currently, and link producers next summer, while foreign buyers snap up our land, confident that the Olympian indifference of our Minister of Food (surely not of agriculture) cannot endure indefinitely. Yours faithfully,

R. C. LEVENTHORPE, Risdon Farm, Inwardleigh. Okehampton, Devon.

Attack on National Front From Mr Peter Bazalgette

Sir, The Labour Party's political broadcast last week may have been misdirected — members of the National Front no doubt welcomed its hysteria as a free panegyric, while their potential members (at whom the programme was aimed) are too young to be unduly shamed by fossilized clips of Hitler and Mussolini. But it is nevertheless laudable that the Labour Party has now devoted two political broadcasts to the National Front and its distasteful, derisively simplistic polities.

policies. While Conservative MPs mouth their own condemnations one feels they can hardly conceal their glee at where the Front's support mainly comes from. Those who say it is better nor to mention the National Front at all would do well to consider that it will be fielding over 300 candidates at the next general election—a little late to start the

An effective campaign is needed. I suggest, Sir, that it should be started by all the parties represented in Parliament making a joint party political broadcast soberly ng the National Front. Is this likely to happen? Judging by the way they normally conduct their business, no. But by the same token, what an effect it would have if they did. And with reference to your leader (December 9)—let the National Front try to reply, by all

Yours faithfully, PETER BAZALGETTE, United Oxford and Cambridge University Club. 71 Pall Mall, S.W.1. December 12.

European Elections

The Crown Agents Role of water in a Middle East peace

From Mr Edmund de Rothschild Sir, Water is precious in the Middle East. It can help to lay the dust of war and to smooth the path to

Shortly after the Six Day Wer you published a letter from me on June 28, 1967, in which some ideas were put forward for the construc-tion of desalting plants which could contribute to the economic and social welfare of all the peoples of the Middle East. These ideas attracted some interest, not only here but also in the United States, Israel and some Arab countries. They were discussed with repre-sentative people from many lands.

Unluckily, political obstacles have so far prevented any progress; But est developments suggest that the time may have come to draw attention to these ideas again. Even if economic actions alone cannot bring peace nearer, the new political climate may make it easier to take active steps in welfare and social fields. This could move towards solv-ing some of the pressing human problems which are distressing and

disturbing to so many of us.

Specifically, consideration might now usefully be given to three projects. A desalting plant in one of the more fertile parts of the Singar provideration and the series of the series perinsula, perhaps using the new technological breakthrough attribu-ted to Professor Kogan of the the Israel Institute of Technology,

could well contribute to the pros-perity of that region. The cost is still comparable with what would have been possible 10 years ago. Secondly, a canal from the Mediterranean down to the Oattara depression, supplemented by water from the underground aquifer of the area, could be combined with a dual purpose desalting and power plant to fertilize many acres of Egyptian land for agriculture.

Thirdly, there could be a new look at the Lowdermilk plan of a similar scheme in the Jordan Valley. Sea water from the Mediterranean would be pumped over the height of land to the Dead Sea, used to produce electricity and, after desalting, used for irrigation in the Ghor Valley.

There may well be other places in the Middle East where similar ideas could be applied to

ideas could be applied to advantage.

None of these projects would be cheap in money terms. But set against the human cost of the last 30 years, they will surely repay energetic pursuit which would need

to be transnationally, or even internationally, organized. We have seen some imaginative moves in the last month. May not imagination now range wider still? Yours faithfully, EDMUND DE ROTHSCHILD.

Documentary on S Africa From Lord Windlesham

Six, Six Hugh Greene's letter published in your correspondence columns on December 10 is a reminder of the pressures on broadcasters that are exerted from time to time by generating the state of the pressures are a series of the state of the series of th to time by government. But there can also be pressures from other sources, commercial or otherwise, of which a recent example has been the campaign waged by Tate and Lyle against a documentary programme written and produced for ATV by Antony Thomas. This is the third programme in the series The South African Experience when South African Experience, sub-titled "Working for Britain". The programme is due to be shown on Independent Television on Wednesday, December 14 at 9 pm (and is, I understand, to be the subject of advertisements that day in the national press placed by Tate and

Lyle). What lies behind this overt pressure is that Tate and Lyle have made clear they believe the com-mercial interests of their company mercial interests of their company may be harmed by the programme. They have asked, indeed demanded would not be too strong a word, that all reference to their business in South Africa should be deleted from the programme. It would not be right to accede to this request.

Tate and Lyle have also questioned the methods used by Annay Thomas to film strements.

Antony Thomas to film statements by Africans working on a sugar estate in Natal which was part-owned by their company at the time, although it has subsequently been sold. Mr John Lyle has been quoted as describing the statements as "fakes and distortions". After making detailed enquiries into these allegations, and seeing the whole of the material filmed on location, ATV agreed with the producer to omit turee statements from the completed film. This was not because we con-cluded they were faked, but simply because the individuals concerned had not been in the presence of Antony Thomas throughout the filming. It seemed stronger therefore to rely solely upon the state-ments of those who were. Mr ments of those who were. Mr Thomas, an experienced and reputable producer, was the only person involved in the controversy who was

Britain.

On Wednesday the programme will be shown on ITV and the public will be able to reach its own conclusion. Yours faithfully, WINDLESHAM,

Restoring Stanmore Hall From Mr Arthur Grogan

Sir, The most important series of tapestries ever to have been designed and woven in England is shortly to be auctioned. They illustrate the legend of the "Quest for the Holy Grail" and were designed by Edward Burne Jones and made at William Morris's workshops at Merton Abbey in the 1890s.

Clearly they should pass into a public collection, but where? The obvious place, surely, is Sraumore Hall on the northern outskirts of London, the house for which they were created. Morris carried our here the bigeest domestic scheme of decoration he was ever commis-sioned to do and like many much admired similar schemes by Robert Adam it was inserted into an evicting building of lesser interest. The coordinating architect was Lethaby and the work has survived to a remarkable extent, which is unmatched elsewhere. What is more the house has lain empty for a number of years and is now on the

Of course it would cost money to buy and restore it, but there is a current search for houses with associated contents which, ranking

Séxist language

Kate Swift

From Miss Casey Miller and Miss

Sir, In commenting on our book Words and Women (The Times. November 24, "Feminists at a loss for French words"), Patrick Brogan disputes our thesis that sexist language contributes to downgrad-ing women, and he labels this thesis a further illustration of American parochialism". As evidence of parochialism he quotes a paragraph from Words and Women in which we list several English words ending ess that were imported from Prance in the years following the Norman invasion. "Evidently the authors cannot speak French". Brogan comments. "The French for,

Soccière." The assumption that twentiethcentury French was spoken in the eleventh and twelfth centuries is both parochial and naïve. Evidently Brogan is not familiar with Old French, in which the words were indeed Honeses and coversors had indeed lionesse and sorceresse as he would have learned had he bothered to check our footnote. (See entry at ess in Dictionary.) the Oxford English

less is Lionne and for sorceress.

Brogan's contention that sexist language is impossible in French. German, and Spanish is equally ill.

New Court, St Swithin's Lane, EC4. present when the disputed filming took place. Each of the people appearing in the edited sequence of

the film was selected by him per-sonally, immediately prior to film-

ing. and he put the questions himself. He categorically denies that any interviews were rigged or deliberately falsified. deliberately falsified.

An independent authority at the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University who has conducted ethnographic and linguistic research among the Zuluhas expressed the opinion that the statements were entirely spontaneous and natural. He disagrees with any suggestion that the answers had been scripted rehearsed or in had been scripted, rehearsed or in any other way prepared in advance. An invitation has been extended to a representative of Tate and

Lyle to take part in the fourth programme in the series in order that the company might have an opportunity to reply. This proposal, I might add, was made someweeks ago and well before the district over last week's I about Party. pute over last week's Labour Party political broadcast attacking the National Front. So far the offer has not been taken up.

My final observation concerns the appropriateness of a company of Tate and Lyle's standing and influ-

ence causing affidavits to be taken under oath from African workers. None of the Africans who appear in this part of the programme are English speaking, although the affi-davits are set out in English, and some are signed with a mark or finger print. Some individuals were also photographed in connexion with sworn statements which were sought by someone whom they could only have regarded as their employer or an agent acting on his behalf. It is for others to judge the validity of evidence obtained in this way and subsequently used for the purposes of a public relations campaign by a major firm in

ATV House, 17 Great Cumberland Place, W1.

more highly than Mentmore, can be accepted as worthy of preservation at a national level. Here is a candi date of outstanding worth which could become an out-station of the Victoria and Albert Museum (like Ham and Osterley). The Museum already owns excellent furniture by Morris's firm and one of his finest carpets which cannot be shown for lack of space. The original appearance of the rooms at Stanmore is fully recorded in photographs and

Could easily be restored.

That William Morris and what he stood for are now of interest to he stood for are now of interest to a very wide range of people is proyed by the crowds that visit his own houses at Bexley Heath and Kelmscott. Even the house from which I write, by Morris's architect. Philip Webb, with no direct contribution from the great man ignoself, has in its first year of opening by the National Trust attracted double the number of visitors expected. Stammore Hall could be a much streater success and many of its greater success and many o Yours faithfully.

ARTHUR GROGAN, The National Trust, Standen East Grinstead. West Sussex.

December 7.

informed. When nouns referring to people have both masculine and feminine forms in these languages (président, présidente, to use one of Brogan's examples), the masculine and the generic, or standard human. forms are the same; the feminine is

president's wife.
On this side of the Atlantic we tend to have great respect for The Times. One cannot help wondering. however, why its editors would print opinions on language from a corresposition who is so misinformed as to write "Gender in French and in

the deviation, the exception. In the

case of presidente the term can even

be-understood to refer to the (male)

other romance languages. is immutable. Linguists know that gender, like every other aspect of any living language, is subject to change. On gender intatability in his favourity manual. Frometh Recogn favourite tonque. French, Brogan might consult the renowned linguistic authority Otto Jespersen, who discussed the subject in his book The Philosophy of Grammer, London, George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1951, Chapter 18, "Sex and Gender". Sincerely.

CASEY MILLER. KATE SWIFT, Box 94. East Haddam. .Connecticut 06423. December 9.

Absenteeism in the House

From Mr Robin Hodgson, MP for Walsali North (Conservative)

Sir. The superficiality of your leader on Friday, "Absenteeism in the House" tempts one to draw the conclusion that you were so pleased with your Gallery Reporter's piece of "clever" reporting, in Thurs-day's paper, that you had to find some way of repeating it.

The question you should have posed and which, not unnaturally, you avoided, since the answer was unfavourable to your case, was whether any of the debates came to premature end. If such collapses had occurred it would have given at least prima facie evidence of a lack of interest. In the event no such cellapses have taken place and it is nard to see how the presence of one, two, three or even four hundred further Members of Parliament, over ninety per cent of whom could have no hope of making any could have no hope of making any contribution because of the action of the guillotine, could lead to any increase in "the appropriate rigour" of scrutiny of the Scotland. Bill which you demand.

Instead many Members, including myself, believe that we are better engaged in examining other pieces of 20vernment legislation, consider-

of government legislation, considering and representing our consti-tuency interests etc., rather than sitting mute on the benches of the Chamber of the House of Commons. Few people would denv that change, even radical change, is required at Westminster. However, the cause of reform would be better served if you turned your mind to really critical issues, such as the need to restore the separation of the executive from the legislative and so reassert the traditional check and halance of our constitution. No similarly useful result can come from the trivial scorekeeping that your teader last Friday represents.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN HODGSON. House of Commons December 12.

Christmas on ITV From Mr Charles G. Looker Sir. Under the heading "ITV defend Christmas film repeats" in today's The Times (December 9) the follow-ing passage must be the quotation

of the year 1977.

Mr Paul Fox (Yorkshire) pointed out that as Christmas Day falls on a Sunday for the first time for several years 'we had to have a bit of religion in the evening'."

CHARLES G. LOOKER, 46 Lavender Vale, Wallington. Surrey. December 9.

Dissenting library From Mr John Creasev

Sir, It is good to learn (December 6) that the Methodist archives are transferred Rylands University Library of Manchester and that one may presum-ably direct research students and others to them in their new home. Lest, however, it be thought that all who study English Nonconformity and Dissent must now, like the Methodist archives, travel to Manchester may I put in a word for Dr Williams's Library, a venerable dissenting institution which will calchage in 1979 two hundred and celebrate in 1979 two hundred and

The collections here constitute what is probably the prime source for the history of English Presby-terianism and the Unitarianism into which it largely developed. Much material may also be found here on the Independent/Congregational tradition. This last has been greatly augmented by the donation of around 12,000 items from the library of New College, London, on the closure of that institution earlier this year, including all surviving books from the libraries of the several dissenting academies and their predecessors which coalesced im New College in 1850.

Together with printed books are xtensive manuscript collections in the above named traditions and these include the entire New College, London, collection. Yours faithfully JOHN CREASEY.

Librarian, Dr Williams's Library, 14 Gordon Square, WC1. December 9.

King Canute From Mr James Clark

Sir, May one put a plea for King Canute's good name? It is now normal for television speakers and politicians to use King Canute as the example of a foolish man who tried to order the tide to stop advancing I do not have to tell you. Sir, that this is the exact opposite of the famous episode in which the sagacious monarch shamed his flattering entourage.

These courtiers have, of course, had their revenge, since his name is now used proverbially with the opposite meuning. But it is going a too far when the headline to your Religious Affairs Correspondent's article today (December 12) employs the words "King Canute's faith" in the wrong, and derisive, sense. Your correspondent should be asked to go back to his history books. Yours faithfully,

JAMES CLARK Trewin Complesione Publishing Ltd. Advance House, 101-109 Ladbroke Grove, W11. December 12.

The courteous gull From Mr James Dawson

Sir, For some years I have noticed that a gull using a flag pole as a vantage point invariably makes way for another gull wishing to alight on the post and this irrespectively of the size of the two birds. Can any reader explain the cour-

tesy of the incumbent in making 3 way for a newcomer, please? JAMES DAWSON,

Advertising and Marketing Ltd, 85 Gloucester Place, W1.

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provide sufficient dialysis macaines to lack of money such machines are

little hope of treatment, and yet it has been estimated that only £30m is needed to provide such a machine to every patient who needs one. the Department of Health and Social Security which told doctors that the bill to the government for providing appetite suppressants on pre-scription in 1975 was £34m. Prompted by this information I contacted the DHSS to find out the cost of

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Cough suppressants £11! million. Vitamins (excluding iron) £2.8

Topics £497,000.

other inessential medicines.

gures were as follows:



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE BUCKINGHAM PALACE
December 13: The Right Hon
James Callaghan, MP (Prime
Minister and First Lord of the
Treasury), had an audience of The
Queen this evening.
The Prince of Wales, Patron,
this morning at Buckingham Palace
received members of the Operation
Drake Exmedition.

received members of the Operation Drake Expedition. His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief. The Gordon Highlanders, received Lieutenant-General Sir George Gordon Lennox, Colonel of

George Gordon Lennox, Colonel of the Regiment.

The Prince of Wales this evening attended a dinner at the Eccentric Club in aid of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal and the Artists' Benevolent Fund.

His Royal Highness left Euston in the Royal Highness left Euston in the Royal Train to visit Greater Manchester in aid of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal.

By command of The Queen, the Baroness Stedman (Baroness in Walting) was present at Heathrow Airport, Loudon, this afternoon upon the departure of The President of the French Republic and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

Mr R. I. Thomson and Miss B. J. Greaves CLARENCE HOUSE The engagement is aunounced between Richard, son of the Rev G. I. F. and Mrs Thomson, of Yaruton. Oxford, and Belinda, daughter of Dr and Mrs I. R. Greaves, of Sandwich, Kenz. December 13: Ruth, Lady Fermoy has succeeded the Lady Jean Ran-kin as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. KENSINGTON PALACE

December 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, as President of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, today attended the Variety Club of Great Britain's Christmas Luncheon at the Savoy Hotel.
The Hon Mrs Wills was in

KENSINGTON PALACE
December 13: The Duke of Gloucester attended a Reception given
by The Scientific Exploration
Society to launch Operation Drake
at the Athenaeum Hotel, Piccadilly, this afternoon.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland
was in attendance. was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE YORK HOUSE December 13: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders' Annual Banquet which was held at Grosvenor Rouse, London. Lieutenauri-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Vice Admiral Str York Beverley, 82; Sir Thomas Bromley, 66; Lord Erskine of Rerrick, 84; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick. Lord Erskine of Retrick, 84; General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick, 65; Major-General F. C. C. Graham, 69; Sir Cyril Harrison, 76; Judge Sir Ian Lewis, 52; Sir Thomas Macdonald, 79; Dame Ruth Rafiton, 62; Colonel Sir Cennydd Traherne, 67; Professor Alfred Ubbelohde, 70.

Eton College

The Michaelmas half at Eton College closes today. There are 132 boys leaving. The Rosebery History Exhibition has been awarded to D. W. K. Anderson, KS, and the Newcastle Classical Prize to N. T. Morgan, KS. In the Hard of the House Association Mr. Prize to N. T. Morgan, As. In the final of the House Association Mr G. D. Roynon's defeated Mr T. L. Holden's by three goals to one. The Lent half, in which the new provost, Sir Martin Charteris, takes up his appointment, begins

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Forthcoming marriages Mr P. D. Cole Miss S. W. Masefield The engagement is amounced between Peter, twin son of the late Mr and Mrs H. D. Cole, of Sonning, Berkshire, and Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs O. S. Maseñeld, of Kingswood,

Mr R. P. T. Hines and Miss F. J. Davenport

Captain N. M. Hall, RM, and Miss S. L. Lowther-Pinkerton The engagement is announced between Nicholas, elder son of Major and Mrs A. M. Hall, of Buckland Newton, Dorset, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. H. Lowther-Pinkerton, of Alderton, Suffolk, Mr C. K. Flynn and Miss F. G. Gascoyne and Miss F. G. Gascoyne
The engagement is announced
between Christopher. only son of
Mr and Mrs K. H. Flynn, of
Maidenhead. Berksinte, and
Felicity, eidest daughter of Mr
and Mrs Anthony Gascoyne, of
Currall Hall, Tenbury Wells,
Worrestershire

Mr M. E. Hudson and Miss A. D. Barclay

Mr T. P. Cullen and Miss J. A. Timme

The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. Cullen, of Wink-field. Berkshire, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. C. Timmer, of Fort Victoria,

and Miss A. D. Sarciay
The engagement is amounced
between Michael, youngest son of
Brigadier and Mrs J. C. Hudson,
of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and
Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs
John Barclay, of Aldborough,
Norwich. and Miss F. J. Davenport
The engagement is announced between Richard Peter Treadwell, elder son of Mr A. J. Rines, of 30 Hampstead Lane, London, N6, and Mrs J. M. Pearson, of 6 Monmgu Mews West, London, W1, and Frances Jane (Jenny), younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. Davenport, of The Thatches, Thurlestone, Devon.

Mr A. St J. Robinson and Miss H. M. J. Linehan the engagement is amnounced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth St J. Robinson, of Orchardleigh, Stere, Surrey, and Hanora, only daughter of the late Mr Timothy Linehan and of Mrs Mary Linehan, of Islington, London.

and Miss J. A. Cooper-Jones
The engagement is announced
between Charles Fisher, son of
the late Dr C. R. St Johnston and
of Mrs E. M. St Johnston, of the
Old Mill, Childswick, Worcesterstate, and Jennifer Ann daughter
of Mr and Mrs D. L. CooperJones, of New Barnet, Herifordstate. Mr R. C. Shields and Miss P. C. Heath The engagement is announced between Roger, son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Shields, of Rosslyn Park. South Australia, and Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. P. Heath, of Cooks Place, Albury, Surrey.

Mr J. G. Orsborn and Miss P. M. Lesslie and Miss F. W. Lessies
The engagement is announced
between Jeremy, only son of Mr
and Mrs G. H. Orsborn, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Pamela, only
daughter of Professor and Mrs
lan W. Lesslie, of Woking, Surrey.

Luncheons



be issued by the Post Office on January 25 as part of a continuing series on British industrial activity. The designer is Mr Peter Murdoch.

Mr F. S. Law Mr F. S. Law gave a luncheon

Mr F. S. Law gave a innenent yesterday. Those present were:

Mr K. Baker, MP. Mr H. Blandford, Mr R. H. W. Builtoet. Lord Carr of Hadley. Sir Charles Duke, Mr Norman Fowler. Mp. the Hon Roger Frankland, Mr J. E. Gordon, Mr G. M. Hallowes. Mr H. P. Hart. Mr S. E. A. Kimmins, Mr P. C. Law, Sir P. C. Law, Sir P. C. Law, Sir P. C. Law, Sir P. C. Maccan, Mr K. Russell, Mr K. A. Mr Russell, Mr K. A. Thouloute.

Thouloute. and Admiral Sir John Treacher.

Royal Society of St George
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress, accompanied by the
Sheriffs and their ladies, attended
a Christmas dinner given by the
Royal Society of St George (City
of London Branch) at the Mansion House yesterday evening. Mr
Charles Coward, chairman of the
council, presided, and the other
speakers were Lord Denning,
Master of the Roßs, Vice-Admirat
Sir Richard Smeeton and Mr
Bertaard L. Morgan.

Charterhouse Founder's Day
The Archbishop of Canterbury was
the preacher at the Charterhouse
Founder's Day service held yesterday at Charterhouse. Afterwards
a dinner was held at which the
speakers were the Masster of
Charterhouse, the Headmaster of

Charterhouse, the Headmaster of Charterhouse, Sir Henry Mance and the Hon R. B. H. Pearce, QC.

Association of Lancastrians in

The annual carol service of the

The annual carol service of the Association of Lancastrians in London was held in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy last night. Sir Desmond Heap, past president, read a lesson and Canon Edwytl Young, chaplain to the association, officiated. Afterwards Sir Desmond Heap received the guests at a dinner at the Waldorf Hotel.

London
Lord Clark, OM, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Women's Advertising Club of London at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mrs Kathryn Michael, president of the club, was in the

McKenna Dinner
The McKenna dinner marking the
graduation of students from the
Empire Test Pilots' School was
held at the RAF Officers' Mess,
Boscombe Down, last night.
Marshal of the RAF Sir Neil
Cameron, Chief of the Defence
Staff, was the guest of bonour.
Group Captain M. K. Adams
presided.

Service dinner

McKenna Dinner

Bernard L. Morgan.

Dinners

Latest wills Lillian Violet Cooke, of Newport, Gwent, left £14,435 net. She left all her oroperty to her parish church, St Mary the Virgin, Caldi-

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Mr S. Sherbrooke and Miss M. McCrea

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Saturday, December 10, at the
Church of St Michael, Kirby-leSoken, between Mr Patrick
Bowring and Miss Mary Franklin.
A reception was held afterwards
at Landermere Hall.

The marriage took place on Satur-day, December 10, at St Mary's,

Bayford, between Mr Simon Sher-brooke and Miss Miranda McCrea. The Rev J. A. Davies officiated, assisted by Father D. Baker.

assisted by Pather D. Baker.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Elizabeth Sherbrooke, Miss Emma Ross, Helen and James Baly, Laura Maxwell-Stuart and Clennel Collingwood. Mr Giles Winter was best man.

Marriages

cot.

HM Government Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, was bost at a government lunchwas nost at a government uncon-eon at Lancaster House yesterday in bonour of Herr H. Rohde, Minister of Education for the Federal Republic of Germany. Dr R. Jochimsen and the Ambassador for the Federal Republic of Ger-many were among the guests.

Russell, Mr Stanley Arthur, of Luton, insurance company manager £190,273

Alexander of Tun', Margaret Lady, of Windsor 'orest, widow of Field Marshal 'arl Alexander of Tunis £46,028 HM Government Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Cariton Gardens yesterday in honour of Governor James Thompson, of Illinois, and Mrs Thompson. Among those present were: Latest appoint int include:
Mr John Gam neil. Headmaster of
Repton since 1968, to join the
Cambridge University Careers

Mr Jack Sulser, Mr Michael Corkery, Dr Peter Chester, Dr John Powell, Professor Lyn Davies, Mr Graham Zel-lick and Mr Ramsey Methutsh.

HM Government Mr Evan Luard, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at the Carlton Tower hotel yester-day in honour of Mr Azim Husain, Deputy Secretary-General, Com-monwealth Secretariat. Among those present were:

The High Commissioner for Mauritius, Sir Antony Duff. Shri C. Dasgunda, Mr Ross Deane, Mr Laurie Pavitt, MP, Mr Derek Ingram, Mr Roger du Boulay. Mr Robbn O'Neill. Mrs Beryl Chitty and Mr Tom Duggin.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr P. R. A. Mansfield, Assistant Mr P. K. A. Mansfield, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was hosts at a luncheon held at the Carlton Tower botel yesterday in honour of M Edem Kodjo. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Togo. Among the guests were:

were:
The Ambassador of Togo, M Lawson,
Mr M D Terry, Mr Richard Wade,
Miss Betty Boothroyd, MP, Mr R. A.
Kahane (American Embassy) and Mr

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr I. J. M. Sutherland, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonweath Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at the Goring Hotel yesterday in honour of Herr Erich Kuepker, Lower Saxony Minister for the Economy and Transport. Among the guests were : Klaus Sizhr, Dr Georg Massion bassy of the Federal Republic of Jany I. Herr Rolf Parr, Herr Stef-Herr Balzer and Mr R. C.

Commonwealth Partiamentary Association

Mr James Johnson, MP, deputy chairman, United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamen-tary Association, was host at a luncheon given by the executive committee in honour of the High Commissioner for India at the House of Commons yesterday. Among those present were:

The Deputy High Commissioner for India, Mr S J Shigh, Baroness Vickers, Mr Arthur Bottomier, MP, Sir Bernard Braine, MP, Mr Lewis Carversones, MP, Mr Tow Jessel, MP, Mr Michael Marshall, MP, Mr Julius Silverman, MP, and Mr Peter Mooty.

Church news

The Rev Keith Norman Sutton, Principal of Ridley Hall Theological College, Cambridge, is to be Bishop Suffragan of Kingston upon Thames, in succession to Dr Montefiore, who was recently appointed Bishop of Birmingham. Mr Sutton, aged 43, has been principal or Ridley Hall since 1973. Before that he was tutor and chaplain of Bishop Tucker College at Mukono, Uganda.

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, Dec 13, 1952

The Queen's title The following announcement was issued from 10 Downing Street last night: The Prime Minister and representatives of Comother representatives of Com-monwealth countries in London for the Commonwealth Economic Con-ference have considered the form of the royal title. They recognize that the present ride is not in accord with current constitutional relations, within the Commonaccord with current constitutional and flead in relations within the Common-wealth, and that there is need for a new form of title which will, in particular, reflect the special position of the Sovereign as head of the Commonwealth. They concluded, after full consideration, that in the present stage of envisaged. the property of the control of the c

of sexual organs in a test insect, Dysdercus, producing sterile

adults.

The Indian group finds that the

comprised. which it names B-asarone, is effective when added to the final larval stage of Dysdercus, producing adult fe-

Science report

Other appointments

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Stock and Lamaca, diocese of Conous and The Gulf, to be Vicer of St. Bauf S. Harringay, diocese of London, The Rev C. Lansdale, Vicar of All Sants' Benhitton, diocese of Southwark, to be Team Rector of the Cattord and Downham Team Vinistry, same diocese.

Rev P. S. Wilson, Vicar of Corneys with Monellan and Domaph more, diocese of Derry and Raphoe, nore, diocese of Derry and Raphoe, to be priest-in-charge of S. Mary's, Castletown, diocese of Sodor and Man, The Rev R. M. Wilson, curate of St. Botoloh's, Knottingley, diocese of St. Luke's, Cleukhenton, same diocese. development of the Commonwealth relationship it would be in accord with the established constitutional with the established constitutional position that each member country should use for its own purposes a form of title which suits its own particular circumstances but retains a substantial element which is common to all. They agreed that the various forms of the title should, in addition to an appropriate territorial designation, have as their common element the description of the Sovereign as Queen of her other realms and territories and head of the Commonwealth. The representatives of all the Commonwealth countries concerned have agreed to take at the earliest convenient opportunity such action as is necessary in each country to secure the appropriate constitutional approval for the changes now envisaged.

Today's engagements

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The Prince of Wales, as Chairman, the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal, visits Greater Manchester: Thameside College of Technology, 10.40; Adelphi Building, Salford, 3.20; Bolton Town Hall, 4.40; Octagon Theatre, Bolton, 7.35.

versity, 5.30.

The Duke of Gloucester judges entries for Historic Britain Photography Competition, Department of Entrionment, Marsham Street, Westminster, 3; as Patron, St Mary-le-Strand Restoration Trust, attends Festival of Christmas Music and Carols, St Mary-le-Strand, 6.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Clou-

Enformology: Insecticides

Indian scientists have added another compound to the list of natural plant products that produce sterility in insects and might be developed as insecticides harmless to man and other animal life.

Dr Bhaskar Saxena and his colleagues from the regional research leaboratory of the Indian scientific government research council at Jammu Tawi have isolated a compound from the "sweet flag", Acorus culomus, a waterside plant, that stops the normal development of sexual organs in a test insect, professive modulars as testing the hadly needed new insecticides. or mary-te-strand, 6.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Cloucester attends gala concert given by London Mozart Players, Festival Hall, 7.45.

Pickars Fallmentle Description Dickens Fellowship annual pre-Christmas drive

By Huon Mallalieu
In 1975 Margaret Drabble wrote
that "there would be more
gennine rejoicing at the discovery
of a new novel by Jane Austen
than any other literary discovery,
short of a new major play by
Shakespeare, that one can
imagine". The discovery of an
unknown play by Jane Austen presumably ranks with that of a novel
by Shakespeare.
Yenterlay the manuscript of her

Yesterday the manuscript of her Yesterday the manuscript of her Sir Charles Grandison or the Happy Man, a Comedy, based on Richardson's novel, was sold at Sotheby's for £17,000 (estimate about £15,000). It came from the collection of her great-great-nephews and was bought by Mr David Astor, of Jubilee Books, Burford, who was determined that it should not be "lost in the library of an American university." The second day of the sale of

library of an American university."

The second day of the sale of aniograph letters, manuscripts and documents made a total of £77,822, with 4.5 per cent bought in. A letter from Professor Tolkien to Naomi Mitchison describing the Westron and Elvish languages in The Lord of The Rings was sold for £680 (estimate £600 to £800), and another, thanking her for a review, for £700 (estimate £600 to £700).

Sotheby's also sold Chinese and Annamese ceramics, bronzes and works of art, and antiquities and tribal art. In the former sale an early Ming blue-and-white dice bowl decorated with dragons went bowl decorated with dragons went to an anonymous buyer for £28,000 (estimate, £20,000 to £30,000). A large grey pottery figure of a woman, dating from the Han dynasty, went to Hirano from Japan for £20,000 (estimate £7.000 to £9,000), and J. T. Tai, also from Japan, paid £18,000 for an archaic bronze ritual food vessel dating from the Shang or early Western Chou dynasty (estimate £10,000 to £12,000.

A strongly cast archaic bronze

Christmas appeal

A Christmas appeal, the proceeds of which will be distributed to firefighting teams of Servicemen and members of the Forces serving in Northern Ireland, was made vesterday by Lord George-Brown, Mr Grimond, MP, Sir lan Glimour, MP, and Mr Winston Churchill, MP. Donations should be sent to Soldlers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA), 27 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9BZ, marked "Christmas Appeal".

The Queen holds an investiture,

Belgian Chamber of Commerce The Belgian Ambassador and the Luxembourg Ambassador attended a luncheon given by the Belgian Chamber of Commerce in Great Britain at the Anglo-Belgian Club yesterday. The Belgian Minister for Foreign Trade, M H. de Bruyne, was the guest speaker. M Guy Roberty, Chairman of the chamber, presided. Other guests included Baron E. de Selys Longchamps, M H. Perdins and Baron Thierry de Gruben. Mr F. S. Law

ted at least two generations of Oxford Toryism

A strongly cast archaic bronze

wine vessel from the Shang dynasty went to another anonymous bidder for £17,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000). The sale made a total of £635,140, with 14.3 per cent bought in.

The antiquities made a total of £167,485. A lace-period Egyptian black basalt head of an official was sold for £13,500, and in a very different tradition, a Bakongo wood maternity figure went for £9,200 (estimate £4,000 to £5,000).

Christie's sold miniatures and objects of virth bringing a total of £41,510, with 20 per cent bought in. and English watercolours made £40,373, with 8 per cent bought in. The Lesson ", a fine example of Myles Birket Foster's high-Victorian style and subject matter, was sold for £3,600 (estimate £1.500 to £2,000).

Phillips, who held their first New York sales in Madison Avenue last week, have acquired Coleman Auction Galleries, at 525 East 72nd Street, generally regarded as the fourth largest auction house in New York. Coleman's, founded in 1920 and situated in a former theatre, will provide Phillips with much

ated in a former theatre, will provide Philips with much needed space for larger auctions

Christian book award A biennial award of £1,000 to a book in English and published in the United Kingdom that has been inspired in some way by the Christian faith, by an author under 50, has been announced. It will be known as the Winifred Mary Stanford Prize and the first award will be made at Easter will be made at Easter.

Princess Margaret, as Chan-cellor, atends ball, Keele Uni-versity, 5.30.

OBITUARY SIR CHARLES PETRIE Historian and man of letters

Sir Charles Alexander Petrie, Bt, CBE, historian and man of letters, died yesterday at the age of 82.

Petrie, who succeeded his petrie, who succeeded his petries of the wall out of the war.")

research into new unpublished documents for his later books, The Marshal Duke of Berwick

(1953), and The Stuarts (1937, and revised after the war), the

His sense of historical atmosphere again was to be seen in

Letters of Sir Austen Chamber-lain (two vols 1939-40).

His interest in Spain (he was a corresponding member of the

Royal Spanish Academy of History and of the Institucion Feruando el Catolico, Zaragoza;

with Louis Bertrand in 1934 and

brother as third baronet in 1927 played a considerable part in the Tory politics of his time from his undergraduate days onward, being as much interested in contemporary politics as in the history about which he wrote.

he wrote.

The Petries, a family which came originally from Aberdeen and Kincardineshire (an ancestor fought at Bannockburn), declined in fortune as a result of supporting the Stuarts after the Revolution. They migrated to Ulster in the eighteenth century. Petrie's own branch to Ulster in the eighteenth century, Petrie's own branch returning in the 1870s to Liverpool, in whose civic, particularly Tory, activities Petrie's father, the first batoner, played a considerable part. Petrie's mother was a Macdonald descended from a younger brother of the Seven Men of Moidart who had taken refuge in Canada after the defeat of the Forty-Five. Indeed, Petrie used to attribute his lifelong interest in the Jacobines (whose cause formed the theme of undoubtedly his the theme of undoubtedly his best historical work) to his descent on both sides from Stuart supporters. He was educated privately and at Corpus Christi College,

oxford. He went up to the university in October, 1914 and, like many others of his generation who survived, returned there after the war. Together with many fellow undergradustes who later herame formus ates who later became famous. he played a considerable part in the politics of the time. He was the first President of the Oxford Carlton Club, and so remained for many years and, on coming down, founded the Eighteen Club, the object of which was to keep Conser-vatives who had been at Oxford since 1918 in touch with each other. The club, which dined mouthly until the early 1950s, contained a number of distinguished members and represen-

Indeed, apart from his pro-fession as a historian, Petrie would probably best wish to have been remembered for his fostering of Oxford Toryism. (He would have preferred to call it Toryism rather than Con-

write prolifically well into old age. Later books included Philip II of Spain (1963); King Alfonso XIII (1963); Petrie's first book was published in 1929 under the title of The History of Government and attracted little attention. ment and attracted little attention. From then on, however, he published a series of historical works which showed sound schokarship. His George Canning, published in 1930 and republished in 1949, was the forerumer of a series of excellent histories, but his The Jacobita Movement (1932, with a new edition in 1959), was un-

King Alfonso XIII (1963);
Scenes of Edwardian Life
(1965); Don John of Austria
(1967); The Drift to World
War 1900-1914 (1968); A Historian looks at his World
(1972); and A Short History of
Spain (1976).

Petrie was anached to the
War Cabinet Office in 1918-19
and it was perhaps in those
offices, surrounded by history,
that his first interest in historical matters developed. He became in later years president
of the Military Historical
Society of Ireland and, for many became in later years president of the Military Historical Society of Ireland and, for many year, edited The Household Brigade Magazine. He was foreign editor of the English Review from 1931-37—them a considerable force in Tory pointics—associate editor in 1940-41, and editor in 1941-43 of The Empire Review, and managing editor of The New English Review from 1945-50. During the Second World War he was official lecturer to HM Forces and travelled widely in the pursuit of his duries. He was a Commendatore of the Order of the Crown of Italy and a Commander of the Order of George I of Greece, this latter being a reward for the behind-the scenes role he played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to secure the first restoration of the Crown of the Played in helping to the Played in helping to the Played in edition in 1959), was undoubtedly his most important work. His inherited Jacobite sympathies combined with his modern Toryism to make this book, which was still further brought up to date in 1959, a labour of love. Indeed, the and revised after the warl, the former containing a number of hitherto unpublished letters between the Duke of Berwick and Alba and his son, who was campaigning in the 1745 rebellion, largely assisted Petrie in producing the 1959 version of The Jacobite Movement.

His sense of historical armosphere again was to be seen in his The Four Georges: A Re-valuation (1935) and in his Wellington: A Re-assessment (1956). His interest in con-temporary diplomatic bistory showed itself in his Life and

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scenes role he played in helping to secure the first restoration of King George II of the Hellenes in 1934.

Perrie was an ardent monarchist and was on terms of personal friendship with the claimants to the thrones of Austria. Spain, France and Portugal, But in political, as in social matters, Petrie, though a right-winger, was no die-hard. After the war he produced A Diplomatic History 1713-1933 (1946) and Earlier Diplomatic History 1492-1713 (1949). right winger, was no die-hard. Iske his hero, Charles II, he liked people to be easy about him, a fact which contributed him, a fact which contributed to the wide circle of his friends. He was twice married, first to Ursula, daughter of the late Judge Dowdall. The son of the nurriage. Charles Richard Rorthwick Petrie, succeeds him. The marriage was dissolved in 1925. Petrie's second marriage. a Commander of the Order of Isahella the Catholic and a Knight of the Order of Civil Merit) showed itself in his History of Spain which he wrote 1925. Petrie's second marriage was in 1926 to Cecilia Mason by whom he had one son. It was ideally happy. Lady Petric sharing his political interestion and moreover being, participately in civic matters (she with Mayor of Kensington from 1934-56 and a member of te? LCC from 1949) a very distinher personality in her own right to for which was published in a new edition in 1957, and the History of the Spanish Royal House in Petrie's Chapters of Life, an autobiography (1950), was a pleasing reflection of the author's character; amiable and

PROFESSOR SIR HUGH ROBSON

the Committee of Vice-Chancel-

lors and Principals. In his role

as Chairman of the Vice-Chan-cellors' Committee he had a

firm grip of the essentials while

inspiring the universities to

meet the serious winds of

change sometimes blowing from

Government sometimes from

students, sometimes from acade-

mic staff and sometimes from

At the University of Edin-

burgh, to which he was proud to return in 1974 as Principal and Vice-Chancellor, there, will be

the deepest sorrow that his Principalship, to which he came

when the University was experi-

encing troubled times should

Under his leadership, a period of disturbed relationships had

now have been cut so short.

Professor Sir Hogh Robson, FRCP, FRCPEd, FRACP, FRSE, Principal of the University of Edinburgh since 1974, died on December 11 at the age of 60. Hugh Robson was a man of great strength of character numbers after the Robbins Report Sheffield University was indeed fortunate to have Hugh and leadership who, as Princi-pal and Vice-Chancellor, made a major impact on two great universities, who on the national Robson there as Vice-Chancellor stage gave sterling service to the public and to the university and Principal in these critical times, but so were all the universities of the United Kingdom, for they inherited in Hugh Robson one who was high in their counsels and in positions community and who, as a dis-tinguished teacher of medicine, did much for the cause of medical education in two continents. Born on October 18, 1917, of leadership throughout this period. Friends in Sheffield will pay tribute to the magnificent in Langholm and educated at service there for eight years. But it is to the greater scene that we must pay the greatest

Langholm and Dumfries academies, he entered the University of Edinburgh to study medicine and graduated MB, ChB in 1941. His war service was with the RNVR as Surgeon-Lieutenant, in the Western Approaches. Normandy, Arakan and Malaya, from 1942-46.

Returning to the University of Edinburgh as a lecturer in medicine in 1947, he was within three years appointed to a Senior Lectureship in the Uni-versity of Aberdeen and in a further three years, at the age of 35, to a chair—that of the first Professor of Medicine—at the University of Adelaide, in Australia.

The twelve years of his stay at the University of Adelaide were to see the flowering of his career as a teacher and clinical practitioner of medicine, as well as service to the University as a whole, and public service within Australia, which of itself would merit a full tribute and about which more must be written. It must have been with some regret that he and his family left their second, adopted, country and all the friends they had made there in 1965

He returned to the United Kingdom to Sheffield in 1966 to face a new situation, and at that time, an unknown one. No

Keeper of the Department of Woodwork, and subsequently

Shipston-on-Stour He was Welsh on both sides, his father being a member of a family

Edwards was in his own way a devoted Welshman, who in later years spent much of his leisure in Monmourhshire, and

already given way to one in which the concept of community could again come to the fore and cooperation between all parts of the University had be-come the keymate in settling harmoniously the problems it

the public.

that time, an unknown one. No faced one then knew that the universities of this country were to face ship of the Royal College of and a son.

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the 10 most difficult years of their history—years of student unrest, of student change, as well as of necessary internal change and development—all at a time of rapid expansion involving doubling of student numbers after the Robbins Report. Sheffield University was indeed forgulate to have Hugh of the Royal College of Physicians in 1986. Ship cians (London) in 1986, ship cians (London) in of the Royal Society of Ender burgh in 1975, and in the saley year was admitted as Hon I als of the University of Pent at vania, and Hon LLD of University of Sheffield. In 1, he was elected to the Fellow ship of the Royal Society of Arts and in the same year to the Hon Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Robson held many official tribute—to his work for the Commonwealth Universities as a whole and during the years 1971-74, when he was first Vice-Chairman and then Chairman of

appointments. He was chairman of the Central Committee on Postgraduate Medical Education: (Great Britain) from 1968-70. and of the Council for Post-graduate Medical Education in England and Wales from 1970. 72; he was chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universi. ties of the United Kingdond from 1972-74. He was chairman of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs from 1971-769 He served on the United Nations University Founding Committee. Since 1974 he ham been chairman of the Scottis Health Services Planning Cours cil. He was recently appoints chairman of the Advisory Cor-mittee on Medical Training is the EEC.

He was a member of Executive Committee of Inter-University Council Higher Education Overseas Governing Trustee of the Natical Provincial Hospital Trust, and Chairman of Parish Commission of Parish Commission Uverseas, 5 British Committee of Award the Harkness Fellowships (Comonwealth Fund). He to knighted in January 1974.

He married Alice Livingsto'
MB, CLB, in 1942. She survig in

MR RALPH EDWARDS Mr Raiph Edwards, CBE, FSA, who was from 1937 to 1954

woodwork, and subsequently adviser on works of art to the Mindstry of Works and the Historic Buildings Councils, died on December 13. He was 83. Herbert Cecil Ralph Edwards was born on June 24, 1894, the son of Rev W. A Edwards, at one time vicar of Tredington, Shinston-on-Stour He was Before many years had passed he was acknowledged to possess an immensely wide and scholarly knowledge of English furniture, and his later writings on the subject include an important new edition of the dic-tionary for the revision of which be was salely responsible, in 1953 (a cite volume edition appeared in 1963); a short Hisbeing a member of a family prominent in the Church of Wales (Alfred George Edwards; the first Archibishop of Wales, was Ralph Edwards's great uncle), and his mother a daughter of an old family of Vale of Glamorgan gentlefolk, the Pritchards of Pwil-y-Wrach. tory of the English Chair, pub-lished by the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1951; and Georgian Cabinet-Makers, 1944, written in collaboration with Margarer Jourdain, an invalu-able reference book, of which a revised edition appeared in 1955. He was the author also a devoted Welshman, who in 1955. He was the author also later years spent much of his of many manying articles and leisure in Monmourbshire, and gave long and valuable service to the National Museum of Wales, as a member of its court and council and especially as chairman of its art and archaeothery committee.

tion in the Department of Wood-work at the Victoria and Albert Museum—and 11 years later succeeded to the Keepership of that Department.

Before many years had passed

tion in the Department of Wood-work at the Victoria and Albert sessions. He was far more them an expert on furniture, and the had a sound general grast the most things that are usedange decorate the interior of a bo. In He had, too, an exception trite good eye. He was, for examine an expert on miniatures, he had considerable knowledge of How-lish wavercolours and drawlesses. considerable knowledge of How-lish watercolours and drawinself and did notable pioneer varied on conversation pictures. Tif he last he studied much more man prehensively than in their riters generally recognized Enjacted eighteensh-century form; ission bis book. Early Conversed to Pictures, published in 1954 in the a very original study of meny a very original study of ment origins and early develops of this genre from the Mi that Ages until about 1730. could Frail in body, and dactic-clearly unwell, Ralph Edwened, was an invigorating and that bative conversationalist would bative conversationalist would companion. There were passible few of his friends who or not find themselves in virtual for disagreement with him at tin not but his friendship was westworth an occasional tiff—which never developed into a lasting quarrel; and "anyway Ralnh is ment many times delivered after the temporary heat of argument had died down. He was, indeed, a very social person, who enjoyed, among others charman of its art and archaeology committee.

He was educated privately and at Heriferd College, Oxford, and during 1917-18 served in the First World War. He was, however, throughout his life a man of poor health, and was twice invalided out of the Army. He passed his Rar examinations, and was on the editorial staff of Country Life from 1921 to 1926. He had before the end of that period become associated with Percy Macquoid in the editorship of The Dictionary of English Furniture 1924-27, and in 1926 was appointed to a posiow to the thirty the ere and the state of th

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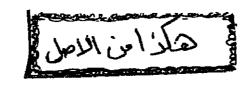
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Radical change ahead in the cigarettes market, p19

BUSINESS NEWS



points to further rise in jobless total this winter The Treasury is expecting a 3 per cent rise in personal con-

Industrial activity in Britain shows too sign yet of picking up, in spite of the stimulus iven to the economy by the Chancellor in the summer and

The implication of this continuing sluggish level of output in from factories and workshops.

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Configures published yesterday, is in the case of the factories and the figures published yesterday, is in the case of the factories o

Yesterday's figures suggest that industrial production fell by about 13 per cent in October-Government statisticians are rebeing luctant to place too much figures, particularly when they are subject to as much revision as these output indices have

ten Even so, it is clear that the ring industried sector, which is accounts for nearly half of the rotal output of the economy, remains very depressed.

Since the spring, when activity in this sector showed a discernible reduction, the level of production seems to have changed little. The pictures is the same for manufacturing inductor, alone excluding mindustry alone excluding mindustry alone excluding mining, construction and utilities.
Moreover, there is some
reason to think that the figures
actually overstate the level of
industrial output in recent
months because of officially
admitted weaknesses in the way that the statistics are col-lected and compiled.

It remains far from clear why industrial activity remains so depressed when the demand for goods has been rising domestically and the volume of exports has also been increas-

There has been a major boardroom shakeup at Crane Fruehauf, the Norfolk trailer manufacturer, after the com-

corporation of the United States. Mr Angus Murray has heen removed as chairman of

the company, along with Mr. H. Allwood, the deputy chairman. Mr. Derek Marsh, maging director, Mr. J. K.

Thompson, project director, have also been dismissed from

their executive positions. Four nominees of Fruehauf

Four nominees of Fruehauf to the board, giving it an American majority. After the archanges, Mr L. H. Allwood resigned from the board.

"Grane after a bitterly fought thattle against the Crane board, and the important forms are rival."

relso involving Inchespe as rival
bidders. Fruehauf eventually
peid 100p a share, compared
with its original bid of 27p a

Thare in October last year. A row broke our between Crane's and the Takeover Panel over an amouncement

that the board would not stand he its profits forecast of £3m for the current year if Fruehauf's bid was successful.

Cadbury settlement

costs LRC £460,000

of £1.1m.

Rises

LRC International, the rubber

LKC International, the rubber gloves, contraceptives and toiletries group, has settled a four year dispute with Cadbury Schweppes over the sale of Courtenay Wines (International) at a cost of more than £460,000. Cadbury Schweppes had been seeking in excess of £1.1m.

The dispute stemmed from the warranties given by LRC

when it sold Courtenay to Cad-bury. Problems arose when the company's results fell short of expectation and Cadbury began proceedings against LRC.

LRC announced yesterday that the matter had been settled with the payment to Carbury of £300,000 plus interest over a four year period, while Cadbury

had also retained £160,000 which was otherwise due to LRC. An extraordinary debit of £375,000 will be included in

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT The following are the index numbers for industrial production in October, seasonally adjusted, released by the Central Statistical Office yesterday (1970=100):

All industrial 103.7 103.5 103.6 102.5 103.7 100.2 102.8 102.7

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Percentage change

shown some revival helped by last July's tax rebates, and exports rose 24 per cent by volume in the third quarter of

The explanation seems to be chosen to meet this demand by rather than increasing output. This follows an apparently involuntary rise in stocks in earlier months.

The hope of ministers must be that this process is nearly

complete and industrial output will start to climb under the impetus of the fresh measures taken by the Chancellor on October 26. Most economic forecasters ex-

ng. pect consumer spending to rise Consumer expenditure has relatively sharply next year.

In brief

Mr Angos Murray: removed as

LRC's accounts for the current

Meanwhile, LRC has announced a one-for-one rights issue at the par value of 10p, to raise £4.3m. The share price cased 21p to 761p. Because of the discount and the market

the discount to the market price, the issue is not being

BR Pension Funds

offer unconditional

British Rail Pension Funds have declared their offer for Edinburgh and Dundee Invest-ment Trust unconditional, hav-

ing received acceptances in respect of 74.56 per cent of the

equity. The offer is to remain open until further notice.

the trust's management last night but they are now widely expected to capitulate after opposing the offer from the

The offer is for certified net

asset value—the assets are around £75m—and is believed to

be worth around 165p a share compared with a stock market

Fogarty, E. 6p to 141p Harcros 6p to 60p K Shoes 6p to 49p Spencer Gears 3p to 30p

Of Exploration 12p to 310p

Pilkington 9p to 483p Racal Elect 8p to 199p Reckitt & Colum 8p to 435p

8p to 348p 8p to 546p 4p to 170p 8p to 539p

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There was no comment from

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Crane Fruehauf directors ousted

Industrial output slowdown £250m Channel power link planned

Proposals for a 2,500-megawatt submarine power cable link between Britain and France have been agreed by the Central Electricity Generating Board and by its counterpart, Electricité de France. The total cost at present price levels is put at £250m and will be shared equality. between the two authorities

within the next five years, will supersede a 160Mw link between Dungeness and Equihen, near Boulogne, laid in 1961 and at present out of service.

Announcing the agreement in London yesterday, Mr Glyn England, CEGB chairman, said he and M Marcel Bostenz, his opposite number, had yet to secure the approval of their respective Governments. development contracts for the British shore installation had already been placed. The link, which he describes as an "exciting proposition", would enable the two countries to trade electricity, thus reducing the costs of both state authorities. In France, for example, people start and finish work earlier and Electricité de France, therefore, has electricity to spare when British demand is peaking.

Mr England also presents the proposals Mr England also presents the proposals as a way of saving up to 500,000 tonnes of oil a year, and of "exporting" as electricity up to a million tonnes of British toal. This, however, would depend upon the National Coal Board's ability to produce more coal than the CEGB needs for British consumption and at a price likely to suit French buyers. A more contentious point is the extent

to which the two state authorities will trade power to short-circuit industrial action by their employees. French power workers have been in dispute over pay

Mr England said yesterday that the present link would have made a "useful contribution" during the power cuts caused in this country by the recent unofficial action of CEGB employees.

That it did not do so it because the unofficial action of CEGB employces.

That it did not do so is because the link has been broken for much of this year. The present cable lies on the seabed and is constantly falling foul of anchors and trawls, particularly on the French side. The new link, which would follow much the same route as the old one, would be buried about 11 metres deep in the sand.

If there is to be any controversy over the placing of the contracts—which might be next year—it is likely to be not between London and Paris but between them and Brussels. An arrangement to split the work between coutractors in Britain and France might attract the notice of officials in Brussels concerned with competition

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Kuwaitis insist on language of the law

His Excellency Abdullah Yousef al-Ghanim, Kuwait's Minister for Electricity and Water, has just left a pair of Germany's largest companies frothing with rage and a group of international lawyers in

ondon looking glassy eyed. Eight years ago the two Ger man companies (names and addresses supplied but withheld to save them further embarrassment) bid for and won a 213m contract for part of Kuwait's futuristic, com-puter-controlled water distribu-

tion project.

Their part of the scheme should have been completed by spring, 1973, but almost from the start things went wrong tiles were not handed over on time, electrical power was not provided on schedule—and the contract over-ran. The Germans slapped in a claim for delays and disruptions amounting to more than 220m.

The contract—which was in English, since the Germans did not speak very good Arabic and the Kuwaitis were not too good

at German—stipulated that in the event of a dispute the parties should go to arbitration under the laws of Kuwait, Kuwaiti law stipulates that there shall be one arbitrator nominated by each party and that the arbitrators should agree on an independent chairman. If they fail to agree—as they did—the claimants can apply to the Kuwaiti courts to appoint a chairman. Eventually Profes-sor Ahmed Kamal Aboul Majid, professor of law of Kuwait Uniprofessor of law at Kuwait University, was so appointed.

By June this year Professor Majid was ready to start. Then the Minister for Electricity and Water pulled his mastetr strokes. He invoked a provision of

Kuwaiti law which obliges the arbitration tribunal to produce its award within three months. Second he insisted, as he is entitled to do, that Arabic be used as the language of arbi-tration, which would mean translating more than 30,000 documents into Arabic—six million words it is estimated. Anyone planning to do business with Kuwait is advised to bone up on his contract law.

Malcolm Brown

sumption between the second halves of 1977 and 1978. But

growth in earnings of around 10 per cent. An average rise in earnings closer to 15 per

cent, at a time when inflation is falling quite rapidly, would

lead to a rather greater short-term increase in real purchas-

ing power.
This likelihood has led in-

dependent economic forecasters

to predict an even faster growth

in personal consumption than the Treasury has done. But the outcome will also depend on how much people choose to save of their higher income.

Even on the Treasury's assump-

tions manufacturing production is seen as rising by some 34 per cent between the second halves of 1977 and 1978.

However, with many groups of workers delaying wage settle-ments until the general level

for phase three becomes clearer

any recovery in output could come too late to prevent un-employment rising in coming

There is, in any case, usually a lag of several months before changes in the level of economic activity have an influence on

employment.
Strangely, in spite of the generally depressed level of the economy, the level of un-

employment has shown an in

employment has snown an in-explicable decline in October and November, after allowing for seasonal influences.

It is possible that employers

are holding on to workers anticipation of an increase

demand next year. But, if traditional relationship

tween employment and output were maintained some further rise in jobless would seem

159p.

Meanwhile the National Coal

Board pension fund offer for the £100m British Lovestment

Trust has won acceptances from at least 75.8 per cent of the

livet Distillers were suspended

gram, the Canadian group.

of the company. It is under-stood that a partial bid, enab

ling Glenlivet to maintain its quote, had been discussed by

Seagram holds 27 per cent of Glenlivet while Suntory, the leading Japanese distillery group, controls a further 11 per

Uranium rise agreed

More N Sea pacts

the two sides.

Glenlivet Distillers

dealings suspended Dealings in the shares of Glen-

The cable, which could be commissioned

It is known however, that the link was on the agenda of the talks that ended yesterday between Mr Callaghan and Gascard d'Estaing, the French President. Mr England appeared confident the scheme would proceed, and said that some

New Letter

of Intent to

IMF likely

A letter from the Chancellos

to the International Monetary Fund setting out the detailed results of their recent talks will probably be published this week.

It may be in the form of a Letter of Intent with an outline of the policy commitments which the Government is making to the fund in return

credit arranged last December.

It is expected that figures for the two key variables which the IMF monitor will be given, although they will almost certainly not have the hard status of targets. Reaching agreement on the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement for 1978-79 seems to have given little difficulty.

to have given little difficulty.

There should be room for

There should be room for substantial tax cuts in the spring Budget even within the £8,600m central estimate of the PSBR which was incorporated in the original Letter of Intent. The latest private Treasury forecast of next year's PSBR is believed to be only £6,800m.

However, it has been less easy

to agree a figure for the Domes-tic Credit Expansion (the domestic supply of money ex-cluding the effects on the total money supply of flows in or out

By Caroline Atkinson

Heavy dollar fall after Basle talks failure

From Peter Norman Frankfurt, Dec 13

The dollar today stumped to new record lows against the Deutschemark and the Swiss franc as news spread through the foreign exchange markets that the meeting of western central bankers in Basle had come to no agreement on a new joint initiative to support the United States currency.

(In London currency dealers said the dollar was dropping like a stone after the lack of agreement in Basic. The Bank of England appeared to be adding to the dollar's troubles by selling some of its reserves to bold up the pound.
Sterling closed 90 points up on the day against the dollar at \$1.8405 with an unchanged effective rate index of 63.4. The dollar dropped to a new record low of 2.1445 Deutschemarks and 2.0985 Swiss francs during trading alchough it subsequently closed a little higher at DM2.1505, and SwF2.1040.]

Although it had been rumoured yesterday that Swiss banks and others were poised to dump dollars on the market if the central bankers meeting failed to produce any tangible result, no communique was issued after the bankers ended their discussions.

While one or two European central bankers said afterwards that the Basle talks had been

refused to enlarge the scope of its foreign exchange market intervention beyond smoothing out erratic currency movements.

Mr Henry Wallich, who repre-sented the Federal Reserve system at Basle, apparently told other central bankers that the United States monetary authorities sympathized with the problems caused by the fall in the dollar for the European countries and Japan. But he made clear that intervention was a political decision and that the Carter Administration was not prepared to embark on such a

It is possible that the relative calm of foreign exchange markets yesterday encouraged central bankers into believing that the dollar had already staged a modest, but successfu technical recovery from the lows of early last week and would wilnstand the absence of an official statement from Basie. That the bankers could not

even agree on an anodyne dec-laration designed to give the American currency moral, rather than physical support, may well indicate the gulf that exists between the American exists between the American position and that of the hard currency notions of West Germany, Switzerland and Japan Certainly this was how the foreign exchange markets interpreted events. Today's fall in the dollar produced interof the country). The Government is extremely unwilling to be tied down at this stage on its money policy for next year.

centred bankers said afterwards interpreted events. Today's fail in the dollar produced interpreted events in the dollar produced interpreted events. Today's fail in the dollar produced interpreted events. Today's fail in the dollar produced interpreted events.

Zurich. In Frankfurt the Federal Bank appeared to inter-

s offective depreciation from Societisonium (Dat 1971)

vene on a relatively modes: scale only. However, close observers of the foreign exchange markets estimated that the Federal Bank

estimated that the Federal Balk had bought foreign currencies worth DM9,000m between the beginning of October and the end of last week. As a result interest is focus-

ing on this Thursday's meeting at the Federal Bank Council in It has long been expected that le council would debate

whether or not to announce a money supply target for 1978 at this meeting. In view of the currency inflow arising from the weakness of the dollar it is now expected to announce a cut in German bank rate from the 3.5 per cent level that has been force since September, 1975. Dr Emminger, president of the Federal Bank, said last week the level of currency intervention was not threaten-Germany's economic policy Leading article, page 15

Textile nations agree on pact extension

yesterday at 460p pending boardroom consideration today of an increased offer from Seamain textile trading nations to-day reached an understanding to extend the moki-fibre agreement (MFA) for another four years from the start of next month. The original offer worth £34m, or 440p per share, was rejected last month but Glenlirejected last mount but clenh-vet later appeared to retreat slightly by saying it was pre-pared to continue negotiations provided Seagram gave written assurances regarding staff em-ployment and the future status

Geneva, Dec 13.-The world's have been agreed and that these would be presented to the full 50-nation members of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade monorrow morning.

They said that though the understanding was between the big textile trading nations, the main hardline exporters that had stalled the talks—Brazil and

Sources attending the negotiations said that some modifications to the pact, which expires at the end of the year, India—were part of it.

to act as a bank.

Such a licence was obtained on December 10, 1973, after the audit for which Sir Charles and

Mr Levine were criticized. On the basis of the same accounts,

the company also had a rights issue for £349,000, which again involved breaches of the Com-

" Neither Sir Charles nor Mr

Levine made sufficient inquiry

in their respective spheres."
As a result the members of BBT were not given all the information they might reason-

The directors too come in for strong criticism. Although we

find that the auditors did not ask for edequate information

from the directors as to their shareholding, we doubt that such information, had it been

specifically requested, would have been truthfully given."

Elsewhere the directors are accused of "gross breaches of fiduciary date" in connexion

with guarantees given for loans but not registered.

John McGrath, former chief accountant of the London Co-operative Society, and Mr Kazi Badruddin Ahmed, whose idea

"Neither of them in their

directorial capacities gave BBT the benefit of their independent judgment and thought. Both lacked independence of mind

and, without scruple, did Mr Smachouse's bidding."

Mr Keith White, the general

manager of BBT, who had ex-tensive banking experience and officers in the company, are also crinicized.

BET was.

The inspectors criticize Mr

ably have expected.

There was live loubt that the modified protect to establish an extension would pass the textiles committee and be The 50 nations that adhere to the MFA account for between 80 per cent and 85 per cent of the world trade in textiles. This amounts to about \$50,000m

Stonehouse advisers criticized in report by breaches of the Companies Act through the lending of money by BBT to directors to buy shares. "Mr Stonehouse", Continued from page 1

of a company; a suggestion that the rules of the Stock Exchange should cover all public offerings Peko Wallsend and EZ Industries, partners in Ranger Uranium, Australia, have won a price increase for 255 tonnes of uranium from stockpile to of shares; that an interim statement which is not audited should say so prominently, and that section 197 of the Com-panies Act, which requires distwo Japanese power companies next year. Meanwhile Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Deveclosure in accounts of any loan to a company officer, should be tightened. A further suggestion lopment of Japan said it had signed agreements to explore uranium resources in Western Australia jointly with Australian Consolidated Minerals and Magnet Metals. was that consideration be given to defining the extent of reporting accountants' responsi-bility for the factual accuracy of offer documents.

They also suggest that extra-

Eight companies with interests in block 16/17a of the North Sea, which includes the Brae field, have signed definitive agreements giving the Government majority participation in any commercial developments. They are the first agreements with companies in a block where a decision to develop a field has yet to be taken.

They also suggest that extradition procedures be made
easier—Mr Stonehouse was
arrested in Australia in 1975
after disappearing from Miami
Beach, feared drowned.

The report itself is an account
of a financial ingsaw which was
assembled by Mr Stonehouse to
hide the failure of the public
floration of British Bamgladesh
Trust in November, 1972.

"The serious wrongdoing extends very considerably beyond
the offences for which Mr
Stonehouse was later tried and
convicted", the inspectors say.
Bur although the report
demonstrates that there were
serious breaches of company serious breaches of company law, particularly Section 54 of the 1948 Companies Act which problics the use of company money to buy its own shares, a spokesman for the Director of Public Prosecutions yesterday said no further action was considered.

Mr Stonehouse used his private companies, the inspectors say, "as if they represented an additional hip pocket in his own trousers".

The effect of his personality was to be crucial to many in-

volved with him.
"Most held Mr Stonehouse in awe and great respect. He treated them well, took them for walks along the corridors of power and enabled them to rub choulders with men of considershoulders with men of considerable eminence who were themselves impressed by his charm."

The inspectors trace Mr Stonehouse's problems to the publication of a critical article on the lamnchart of British

and his colleagues became very concerned at the success of the

buy shares. "Mr Stonehouse", the inspectors say, "was ruined on the treadmill of pride". Once the company was set up, however, it was important for it to get a clean bill of health from its auditors to obtain a "section 123" licence from the Department of Trade to act as a hank



Sir Charles Hardie : role in pre-paration of audit criticized.

balance sheet. The largest transaction was a deposit of film with Cornhill Consolidated, another "secondary bank" which ran into trouble, against a deposit from an affiliate. Rather different, but no less objectionable, the inspectors

say, were devices to swep lours in Stonehouse companies and to give the appearance that loans had been repaid, when in fact they had not. Mr Stonehouse tried to rectify

the problems his group had got itself into, by investing in securities on the Stock Exchange, against the advice of his general manager. He also invested on his own eccount, involving Rowe Rudd and Co. his broker, in considerable "Whatever his system," the

inspectors report, "it was singularly unsuccessful," Sir Charles said through his secretary that he was not in a position to make an immediate comment. On Monday he described it as "outrageous" that professional firms and others who had been criticized should have no opportunity to meet such criticisms until after they had been published.

Commenting on the report last night, Mr Eric Levine said: "I do not agree with the inspectors' findings in so far as they concern me. would, however, not be right for me to comment on the efforts of inspectors attempt-ing to discharge a difficult task."

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Interim Statement

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Consolidated Results	Half Year to	Half Year to	Fali Year to
(unaudited)	30.9.77	30.9.76	31.3.77
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Turnover	55,901	43,701	127,078
			
Trading Prefit	5,314	4,505	18.764
De preciation	4,025	3,058	7,847
	1,285	1,417	11,717
Jacome from Investments	145	104	10,832
laterest (net)	(248)	(245)	(419
Comma Promite Colonia Transisia		1,276	
Group Results before Taxation	1,186		22,133
Taxation	£66	\$83	12,376
Group Results after Taxation	520	293	5.823
Minority leterests	58	253 45	135
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Results attributable to ICGA	462	248	9.612
e.	===		3,034

The consolidated results are those of the Association and its subsidiaries ling its Belgian subsidiaries.

Belgian subsidiary companies are not consolidated in accordance with the dispensations granted by the Department of Trade.

The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the year ending 31st March, 1978 of 4p per stock unit on the £40,413,118 Ordinary Capital Stock, costing £1,616,525. In addition, the Directors have declared a supplementary dividend in respect of the year ended 31st March, 1977 of 0.08122p per stock unit, costing £32,824, to compensate stockholders for the retrospective reduction in the basic rate of income tax. The two dividends totalling 4.08122p per stock unit will be paid on the

21st March, 1978 to stockholders on the register at the close of business on the 10th February, 1978. The interim dividend paid on the 28th March, 1977 of 3.5p per stock unit on £39,608,726 Ordinary Capital Stock cost £1,386,305. The capital of the Association has been increased by the issue of £804,392 Ordinary Capital Stock mainly to holders of the Convertible Unsecured Loan Stocks who exercised their conversion rights in Section 1987.

Once again the Directors cannot emphasise too strongly that the results shown for the half year provide no guidance concerning the probable results for the year.

Apart from income from General Investments, which is relatively insignificant, the Association's investment income is derived from division. nificant, the Association's investment income is derived from dividends from Belgian companies, all of which are booked in the second half of the financial year. Present indications are that the Group share of earnings of the Belgian subsidiary companies, together with the Group proportion of UNERG earnings, will, in terms of Belgian francs, be slightly greater than for 1976/77. Stockholders will recall that the dividends in respect of 1976 were converted at an average rate of exchange of B.Frs.63.25 to the £. compared with the current rate of exchange of B.Frs.63.25 to the £.

The Calor Group's memover was 28.4% up on the first six months of last year. Trading profit increased by 22.0% or £397,000. It included £400,000 profit on the sale of assets on withdrawing from transport operations in Germany. The communing pressure on margins has been temporarily increased by the cost of converting butane cylinders to the more convenient "Switch-On" system in Great Britain. Depreciation was 31.3% up on the comparable period last year, due to a continuing high level of capital expenditure. However, lower interest rates led to a reduction of 8.0% in financing costs.

Tomage in all Calor gas businesses was up on last year, reflecting the generally cooler weather in the spring and summer. Transport and Engineering Divisions in Great Britain also showed satisfactory improvements. Results of Pro-Sil in the U.S.A. were again disappointing, due to poor harvesting conditions, but plans for the commercial development of an animal feed based upon whey continue to progress.

Although the half-year results are encouraging, the uncerminties over pay negotiations in the fuel and power industries and winter temperatures make it difficult at this stage to forecast the profit of the Calor Group for the full year.

The value of gas and liquids sold from the Hewert Field by Century Power and Light Limited rose by 23%, with trading profits at £576,000, before depreciation and financial charges, increasing by 12%. Seamud Services Limited with a turnover of £266,000 (compared with £333,000) produced a trading loss of £32,000 (profit £70,000).

The charge for taxation has been calculated at the provisional rate of 52% but certain losses of overseas subsidiaries in the first half year, largely seasonal, do not give rise to a corresponding tax offset. As previously reported, the provisions made in the accounts in previous years amounting to approximately £1,400,000 have been released and will be treated in the accounts of this year as a prior years' adjustment. No account has been taken of this in the Consolidated Results for the half year to join. September, 1977 now submitted.

How the markets moved

6p to 254p

	Burco Dean Crosby House Dew, G.	3p to 57p. 10p to 125p 16p to 144p	
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٠.	. BP . Gracken Mines . Cannon Novil	13p to 852p 41p to 561p	
	Capper-Neill CompAir E Rand Prop	4p to 71p 6p to 90p 8p to 354p	
•	Ct Portland Harmony Hang Bronze Mang Symples	8p to 288p 12p to 353p	
٠.	Vining Supplies	4p to 60p	

4р to 64р 12р to 290р Sonities fell back: Fill-edged securities were in erreat.

Dollar premium: 93.5 per cent.

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innual Statements :

Eleco Holdings

Gold lost \$0.50 an ounce to \$157.625.

SDR-S was 1.19901 on Tuesday, while SDR-f was 0.652558. cffertive rate 35.45 per cent).

tering gained 90 pts to \$1.8405.
The effective exchange rate index vas at 1439.9 (previous 1441.9).

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lop a field has yet to be taken.

The Times index: 202.44-2.25 The FT index: 476.9-7.6

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> Bangladesh Trust in The Sun-day Times.
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> The timing of The Sunday Times article was unfortunate for the issue and Mr Stonehouse 21

In the event it only succeeded

The irregularities of the business were not confined to its launch. "The inauspicious start to the business of BET paled when compared with the irregu-larities which were to follow." It involved itself in "window-

Leyland job losses if output lags

Mr Derek Whittaker, Leyland Cars' managing director, yester-day gave a warning that he would have to reduce the labour force early next year unless productivity improved consider-

John In an article in Leyland Cars Mirror, the works newspaper, he said: "There is no way that our current market share, which was 21.7 per cent last month, can be accepted.

"The first six months of 1978 will he absolutery crucial. If we

The first six months of 1978 will be absolutely crucial. If we do nothing during that short space of time to improve production and increase productivity, then the company will be speeded by the most advanced computer-controlled reduce in size and jobs will be last just been installed at a cost of £250,000.

It will produce detailed

Leyland's problems are not tive engineer in charge of engi-all internal. More than 51,000 neering computer services. He vehicles and three million man-said: "We are sick and tired hours have been lost in the past four months because of strikes in suppliers' plants. Hardly a day has passed when Leyland has not been faced by up to 20 different supplier disputes.

The result is that it is being forced to preduce large num-bers of incomplete cars because of component shortages. This would have been worse

"That is no threat. In fact we are almost past the point design drawings six times faster and no return already. However, I sense a changing attitude among employees. The majority, I believe now realize the first news of the new installation at Levland's Coviewer, I believe now realize the majority. installation at Leyland's Cowley plant was given yesterday by Dr Bill Emmerson, the execu-

neering computer services. He said: "We are sick and fired of all the anti-Levland stories. It is time we told the world that in some areas we are second to none.

"Leyland was the first company outside the United States to have computer-aided design. That was in the middle 1960s. With this new centre we are

with this new centre we are really beginning to reap the dividends of all our early computer design work. In virtually any engineering design process using the right computer techniques is rather like having seven league boots." The new centre, which produces drawings in minutes into help ADO 88, Leyland's £250m new Mini due for launch-

ing in late 1979. But it is already working on ADO 10, 11 and 12, the new medium saloon range which will follow in 1980.



Mr Derek Whittaker: next six

Plea to car unions: 'stop the industry bleeding to death

By Peter Waymark

Motoring Correspondent An urgent appeal to union leaders to help stop the motor industry bleeding to death tirough industrial disputes was nade last night by Mr David Plastow. president of the ociety of Motor Manufacturers Mr Plastow, who was speaking at the society's annual banquet in London, stressed that he was not "union bashing".

But he criticized the industry's But he criticized the industry's brike record and called for strike record and called for stronger union leadership to deal with unofficial disputes. He said the number of vehicles produced in Britain this year had been severely cur-tailed by labour disputes and

is running out. If we do not take action now, then some day we will be attending not a banquet for the British motor industry but a memorial

The problem was not simply

the number of strikes and dis-putes but the style of behaviour which Britain had adopted on the industrial scene.

While it was not unusual for an American union to use the strike weapon to close a company, once they had made their deal they would go back and work under the terms of the agreement reached.

Optimism on Three groups on pay US-Japan trade talks against publishing names of By Our Industrial Editor

Mrs Juanita Kreps, Commerce Mrs Juanita Kreps, Commerce Secretary, said Mr Nobuhiko Ushiba, the Japanese Minister of Overseas Economic Affairs, in a meeting with her said that he was "optimistic" that the United States and Japan would move closer together in their trade talks here. trade talks here.

Yesterday, the United States politely rejected the Japanese proposals for dealing with the trade imbalance between the two countries. Kreps, reiterat-ing that the Japanese proposal falls short of American desires noted that " this is only the first <tage in our discussions and so i we're optimistic that we will move closer together and indeed minister made such a remark in the course of our d scussion.

Specifically Kreps told Japanese businessmen after the meeting that the United States would like to achiev tariff reductions by Japan faster than the eight years the Japanese proposed and that America is interested particularly in elimi inating quotas by the Japanese.

black list are named

The Treasury has confirmed the names of three more companies liable to sanctions for alleged breaches of pay policy, but it is still declining to give other names because this

other names because this "would definitely not be in the best public interest." The three companies are I. Spencer Engineering, Surrey, Reynolds Tanker Services, of Gloucestershire, and S. Redfern, of Lancashire. They are among 11 on the blacklist for possible sanctions, such as loss of government contracts and withdrawal of discretionary

export credits. It is stated by the Treasurv that these three were in breach of phase two pay guidelines and one was also in breach of phase one guidelines. Of the II, which include the only pre-viously named concern, James Mackie, of Northern Ireland, five are said to have breached both phases one and two of current pay policy, five in breach of phase two, and one in breach of phase three. The Government's stand Industry.

companies liable to administrative action in the form of pay sanctions is based on the hope that they can be persuaded to renegotiate excessive settlements.
While it is difficult to judge

the effectiveness of the Govern-ment's willingness to invoke managements are becoming con-scious of the threat of them. Recently, for example, workers at the British Petroleum refinery at Grangemouth were told that a pay claim had to line up with government criteria owing to their involvement of capital grants up to £13.5m " on

present project work. Not long ago management of the government-aided Triang Pedigree concern rejected a claim as well above Whitehall criteria and put forward a counter offer, which was reiected. Compromise proposals have been apparently put for-word, but the Triang management is in a difficult position, given its considerable involvement with the Department of

Most fruitful areas for growth named

Ev Derek Harris The British Overseas Trade Board which is collaborating with the National Economic Development Office in establishing the most fruitful product sectors in which to desclop the Government's indusreial strategy, has identified Three main categories on which improved much more than with ritish companies could concentrate in trying to increase exports to Western Europe. They chairman, gave a warning of awards that could swamp a re scientific instruments, the need for more industrial hard-currency pound.

machine tools and clothing. This emerged yesterday when the board's annual report pointed our that if trade with oilproducing countries were ex-cluded the United Kingdom's factured goods with Western Europe had since January 1973

Mitchell Cotts

Profit before Interest and

Dividends per Ordinary Share

Earnings per Ordinary Share

Profit Contribution

By Territories

United Kingdom

Southern Africa

& Australasia

East and Central Africa

Europe, N. & S. America

Profit before Taxation

Funds Employed

Proposed Final—

Total for the year—

Dividend Cover

25

6

100

Taxation

Interim---

investment because it was now vital to sell exports on design, quality and reliability and not

1976/7 RESULTS

1977

£11,669,000

0.656 p

2.744 p

3.400 p

8.03p

2.31 times

£15,366,000 £12,536,000

£80,177,000 £73.051,000

The trade savings represented y North Sea oil were a great help bur since these amounted to only 5 per cent of the value of exports it was essential to keep the export curve rising. Sir Frederick also gave a warning against too-high wage

Whitehall tightens its advertising By Patricia Tisdall

Procedures for the purchase of production material for press advertisements are being tightened by the Central Office of Information in an attempt to reduce costs. The office, which handles most of the Govern-ment's advertising and is probably Britain's biggest advertiser will concentrate practically all ts work through nine approved companies instead of the 60 or more formerly

Letters listing the production houses concerned are going out to the 18 London-based advertising agencies used by the

A year ago allegations that agencies, some of which work for the office, had received bribes from blockmakers, were investigated by Scotland Yard. While no charges were laid, the investigation drew attention to the possibility that suppliers' discounts might not always be passed on by agencies.

The office, through a working party which included representatives of the Stationery Office and the Institute of Practinoners in Advertising, had been studying production work for press advertising since 1974.

It says the new method of purchasing has been set up as a result of this working party's recommendations and has no connexion with the police

But the new scheme, to be introduced in January, enables a volume discount to be negotiated direct by the office with the production companies instead of through sub-contracts The office expects to spend about £17m on advertising dur-ing 1977-78.

1976

£9,544,000

0.656p

2.670 p

3.326 p

7.22 p

14

81

16

(11)

100

2.15 times

%

16

68

20

(4)

100

Slight upturn forecast for construction industry

Construction is slowly emerging from its prolonged recession according to forecasts for the industry published today.

After a series of pessimistic reports, the joint forecasting committee for the building and velopment committees (Little Neddies) sounds a note of cautious optimism, echoing brighter prospects for the economy as a whole. civil engineering economic de-

The committee believes that the worst of the recession occurred this year, for which new construction output was forecast to decline by 10 per cent compared with 1976. Next year as unjury of 2 per cent year an upturn of 2 per cent is predicted and a further im-provement of 3 per cent is expected for 1979.

expected for 1979.

Although the industry as a whole appears to be turning the corner, improvement is expected to be patchy with some sectors remaining depressed. The committee welcomes the recent government package, E400m for the industry next year and a further £181m in 1979. But it says that the public sector still offers the worse prospects, even if the whole of the amounts allocated is spent, which appears doubtful. the amounts allocated is which appears doubtful.

which appears doubtful.

Average yearly output for the public sector, excluding house-huilding, in the next two years is likely to be 28 per cent lower than the average for the years 1970 to 1976. In all three years, declines in the level of public housebuilding are also forceast. In the private sector, moderate In the private sector, moderate increases in output are expected in 1978 and 1979, after a fall this year.

Prosnects for the private in-dustrial sector are bright. After a modest increase this year, output is expected to rise more strongly in 1978, with a further but moderate increase in 1979. Output for the private commercial sector is expected this year to he down on last year, but again the outlook for 1978 and

1979 is good. In repairs and maintenance, too, output is expected to in-crease both this year and next. Already, this sector accounts for more than a third of all construction output.

The forecasts reflect the industry's slowly growing confidence, although they will confirm the expectations of the civil engineers who will not share in the general, if small, revival. Recent surveys suggest that even were more money made available for civil engineering—and it seems that about £100m of the £181m earmarked for 1979 will go to housing-projects are not ready to go ahead.

Aid plea to Mr Shore: The National House-Building Coun-cil has urged Mr Shore Secretary of State for the Environment, to ensure that part of the £400m package for the construction industry goes into the pri-

vate housing sector.
Mr Andrew Tait, director-general of the council, says in a letter to the minister that this could be done by the provision of sewers and other infrastructure, such as roads. This, he says, would not only help poten-tial home-buyers in 1978 and 1979 but also create jobs. Financial Editor, page 19

EEC rejects Benn view of coal stocks

From Michael Hornsby,
Brussels, Dec 14
Mr Wedgwood Benn, the
Secretary of State for Energy,
described himself as "bitterly
disappointed" here today by
the failure of EEC energy
ministers to approve proposals
for the financing of coal stockpiles and encouraging the use
of coal instead of oil in power
stations.

stations.

More than 30 per cent of all investment in the coal industry in the EEC was British, Mr Benn said and Britain accounted for half of Community

production.

The European Commission had proposed spending about 165m over three years to encourage the use of coal in power stations. At present only 23 per cent of EEC power stations are coal-fired, and o fithe 82 new units expected to come on stream between now and 1985 only 15 will use coal, whereas 60 will burn oil or gas.

The Commission had also proposed that the stocking of up to 20 million tonnes of EEC produced coal should be partly financed out of the budget of the Europeam Coal and Steel Community. The aim would be to reduce the risk of pit closures during periods of cyclical down-

during periods of cyclical down-turn in demand.

The proposals are part of a wider-ranging programme to reduce the EEC's dependence

on imported energy,
Only Britain and Germany,
however, have a real interest
in the coal proopsals. Most other member states rely on imported coal, which is gene-rally cheaper than British or German, and are not prepared to agree to any more to encour-age coal use in power stations unless it also applies to im-

Attempts by Dr Guido Brun-ner, the EEC Commissioner for Energy, to get member states to agree to production and conto agree to production and con-sumption targets for different kinds of energy for the year 1985 also ran into difficulties. Mr Benn made clear British dislike of a policy based on precise targets, which he said introduced an unnecessary element of rigidity. Such targets were in any case notoriously unreliable. Forecrests of in-stalled nuclear capacity in the stalled nuclear capacity in the EEC by 1985, for example, had fallen by half in the last four

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A national plan for industry by compromise? with

right to agree on national goals for economic activity is to ask them to deny their political identity.

Since Mr Selwyn Lloyd founded the NEDC in 1961 national planning has been a central issue in political management. The foundation of the NEDC kept the issue between Covernment industry and the Government, industry and the unions. The Labour Government of 1964 saw the establishment of of 1904 saw the establishment of the DEA with one explicit pur-pose being to take the problem of national economic planning inside government. The subsequent fiasco of the national plan was as much caused by a genuine difficulty in the task of planning as by a political need to rush it all through by the 1966 election. The subsequent unhappy history of the plan and indeed both its sponsor and the DEA were a measure of the disenchantment which followed. Even the publication of The Task Ahead in 1968 did little to relieve the gloom.

The advent of Selson poli-cies and the Tury government of 1970-74 ensured that task of national planning was limited in its scope. The two elections of 1974 brought a Labour govern-ment which through its sectoral planning exercise (the socalled industrial strategy) demonstrated that some real learning had taken place. The idea of planning agreements, now seemingly in a very low sear indead, were designed to link together the issue of corporate level decision making and national level decision

It has been argued that even if national planning were desirable it is not possible because nobody knows enough about the economy to construct a plan and nobody knows how suitably to articulate its imple-

mentation. But the most serious problem is that much of the language of planning is couched in terms of goals or objectives and coordination of programmes to achieve them. However, the key issue for our country and its industries is planning for turbulence, that is the problem of adaptation. This latter thought could well be the basis for a logical justification of a market economy in that decision making is distri-buted widely in an open economy.

Thus it becomes observable that the left-wing theory of planning is of the former kind, while the right-wing theory of planning is of the latter kind. What is clear is that there is no consensus and given the political values of the major parties there is little possibility of a consensus. There might, however, be an agreement to manage half economy on one theory and the other half on another theory. But that would be compromise. not consensus.

A. J. BERRY, Manchester Business School, 24 Leafield Road, Disley. Chacking ST 12 2JF.

December 7.

From Mr R. S. Musgrave Sir, Mr Warren, the Oxford lecturer in geography, who ventures into economics in your columns (December 7) is as uninspiring as academics usually are, when outside their own subjects. His advocacy of economic planning merely begs a whole range of questions which any moderately wellinformed non-academic knows to plague the whole planning versus free market argument. 1 If planning is better than the free market, why are the market economies years ahead of the planned ones and why are the former able to lend the latter the money with which

2 Why are the planned economies catching up so slowly, if at all? Copying should be easy compared with innovating. 3 The way in which technology advances is unpredictable, as are the consumers tastes, and as are the origin of many raw materials, namely geological discoveries. Thus surely economic plans must be so tentative as barely to constitute plans. . That industries in a planned

to attempt to catch up?

From Dr A. J. Berry

Sir, The central paradox of national economic planning is that a theory of planning would require goals to be established whereas the reality of positics is that goals are the stuff of debate and conflict. To ask, as Mr Warren (December 7) does, political parties of the left and right to agree on national goals

economy will "dovetsil", to use Mr Warren's favourite phrase, is an appealing idea. Obviously if planners are omnissible that beings, they will. But the evidence is, if anything that industries dovetail less well in planned economies than planned economies than planned economies there is a greater tendency than in mar-ket economies for: industries to produce goods that neither other industries nor the con-sumer wants; industries to fail

to deliver what other industries want (particularly spare parts); and investment projects to be abandoned half way to completion. 5 Are the planned economies plenned? I suspect that Gosplan in Russia is partially a facade-in contrast to George Brown's economic plan or the current Government's Industrial Strategy and planning agree-ments, which are nine-tenths facade. When say a brass bolt factory is expanded in Russia, this is quite likely to be because the factory manager has found himself swamped with unplanned orders for brass buits; or are we to believe that the Gosplan bureaucrass calculate the number of brass bots required by the entire Russian economy years in advance?

Yours faithfully. R. S. MUSGRAVE, 24 Garden Avenue, Franswellgate Muor, Durhamber 7

Doing business the Chinese

From Dr M. T. C. Fang Sir, In your article "Learning how to do business with the Chinese" (December 5), I was

Chinese " (December 5), I was most surprised at the main advice given: that "the full nechnical description and technology of the goods should be sent in English".

Since, in thy estimation, there are still very few people in China with the ability to understand technical and scientific English (and more especially to the content of t tific English (and more especially so in the case of advanced technology for which no dictionaries are available), the full significance of the literationaries are available), the full significance of the literature may not be immediately clear to the corporation con-

This could, in part, explain why "the process, judging by past experience, could equally take several rease." ike several years". It could therefore be a consk could merenote be a con-siderable advantage to British exporters if technical specifica-tions were translated into cor-rect Chinese (unlike a transla-tion for one of the nationalized corporations which was riddled corporations which was riddled with such elementary errors as numbers and units being incor-rectly translated).

I would therefore recommend that British firms seeking success in exporting to China should place greater importance in providing, if possible, good, accurate translations of their literature to the Chinese, Yours faithfully, M. T. C. FANG, 3 Hornby Lane, Liverpool L18 3HH.

I ransport management

Development Office report,
Trading with Europe: Through
Transport and the Total Export
Concept, contains—as the comments of your Transport
Correspondent on November 29 amply bear out—strong warnings and recommendations which all industrial and commercial users of transport would be ill-advised to ignore.

The significance and importance of transport to the life of the community and to our economic well-being as a nation must surely need little emphasis today—or so one would think. The figure of £1,000m per annum in unnecessary costs will shock many but sary costs will shock many but not, I suggest, those who have long and consistently recognized the problems and have advocated some of the "remedies" put forward in the

From the Director-General, The Chartered Institute of Transport

Sir, The National Economic Development Office report, Trading with Europe: Through Transport and the Total Export Concept, contains—as the comeducation and training leading to a thoroughly professional understanding approach and improved management performance where transport activity is concerned. A further requirement, of equal importance and demanding equally strong sup-port, is that transport management (I stress " manage-ment ") must be upgraded and represented largely in its own right—in the higher levels of industry. Until this is accepted and acted opon, damaging costs, identified in the report, will

I am, Sir, Your obedient servant, D. N. LOCKE, Director-General; report.

In far too many instances the Transport,
transport function has been 80 Portland Place,
regarded as an unfortunate London WIN 4DP.

EEC directive to agents

(Conservative) Sr In his letter in your issue which contains strong criticism of December 2, Mr Carter, of some of the provisions of the writing as secretary of the the draft directive, was published.

On the Law Commission's

tion, says: the legal arrays commit-tee of the European Parlia-ment has approved the direc-tive (relating to self-employed commercial agents) subject to a number of amendments which it recommends should be discussed between the commission and the member

He is in fact under a misap-prehension as to the status of the matter in that committee. The committee had received a draft report and embarked on Lendon SWIA OAA.

From Sir Derek Walker-Smith, discussion of it, approving cerfor Hertfordshire East tain paragraphs, when the servative? report of the Law Commission,

> attention of the committee it.
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> was agreed to defer further discussion of the directive to enable consideration to be given to the points made in the Law Commission's report. It is therefore premature to attribute any final position to the committee on this matter at this time.
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DEREK WALKER-SMITH,

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At the Sixry Sixth Annual General Meeting held in London on 13th December 1977 Mr. T. B. Barlow, the Chairman, made the following points when he reported to

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During the year there was a general improvement in market conditions which together with our investment policies has resulted in the Company's assets now being it worth more than £7 million.

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The Report and Accounts were unanimously adopted

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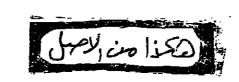
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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Improving earnings quality at ICL

ICL is looking unstoppable at the moment. On the back of virtually no price increase its profits were up 31 per cent to £30.3m in the year to end September and sales were up 45 per cent to £419m. While part of the growth has come from the acquisition of Singer Business Machines, the underlying improvement is about 20 per cent, some 5 per cent better than the computer industry as a whole. The Singer interests, meanwhile, were ahead by about a third in turnover

. Since the profits dip of 1972 ICL has thus accumulated an enviable profit record. The order book is apparently even longer than it was a year ago, and the only question is why the shares are still showing some scepticism, selling as they do on a price earnings ratio of only 4 at 214p and yielding 54 per cent on a dividend which is more than the street covered. ive times covered.

It is true that there is always something of a gamble on the next model range being right and on the rental side of the business not suddenly running into problems of obsolescence. But for ICL the former of these problems is still a long way away and the group's continued ability to sell its older 1900 range suggests that the latter is no naricular worry either—especially since ICL reckons to recover the cost of its rental conipment over about 22 months. Clearly as the proportion of rental and maintenance/ ervice business builds up—it accounted for 18 per cent of turnover last year—the stream of deferred income and thus the quality of earnings builds up as well.

ICL's only real problem at the moment then, given that there is no sign of a let up in orders, is capacity to produce. Perhaps 20m of turnover was lost through industrial lisruption last year and the marginal profit this level is high. But ICL is in a comfortble position to finance both a bigger rental usiness and a higher level of capital investent to expand capacity. Borrowings were own last year and some £9.4m of deferred LIX has been taken into reserves so the cearing ratios will show a significant improvement in the balance sheet.

LRC International

An income-boosting rights issue

ncreasing doubts about LRC International's iture growth prospects were hardly allayed esterday, firstly by the mere 9.7 per cent acrease in first half pre-tax profits to 4.13m and declining trading margins and secondly by comparison with Smith & Nephew's strong performance.

LRC is still saddled with persistent loss making areas and has been caught the consumer spending downswing. While it is strong in contraceptives, it is fairly small in comparison with its competitors in other



of LRC Sir Edward Howard. chairman

markets and the volume growth in the United Kingdom soap market appears to have been acquired at some cost.

The one-for-one rights issue at par (10p) raise £4.3m is not that reassurin geither. Raising that sum of money is not going to transform the balance sheet, which ashowed borrowings of £15.5m in late November. Although much stress is laid on the capital expenditure programme of £5.3m, the rights seems more destined to ease the burden of working costs. In addition the capital projects under way are not of the sort that will radically change earnings.

effective 30 per cent dividend increase to 3.38p a share gross, which at an ex-rights price of 431p provides a useful 7.8 per cent yield, while the shares are selling at a little short of 10 times prospective earnings. Last year's profit increase was largely a continuation of the recovery from the nadir reached in 1975 helped by favourable currency rates. The recovery has been worked through, growth is now apparently difficult and currency movements are going the wrong way, which does not leave much potential for the shares except on income

 After reeling from a singularly depressed time over the past year as low demand and building costs rising some two and a half times faster than selling prices have cut profits to the quick, most housebuilders have been almost exuding confidence about the outlook for the next year or so.

For them the latest Construction Fore-casts for 1977-79 from the Building and Civil Engineering Little Neddies will come as something of a dampener. While the "unrelieved pessimism, of the past couple of years may be over, the outlook for housing starts over the next two years has been revised downwards since the last forecasts

The brunt of this will be borne by the public sector where starts this year will be around a fifth lower than last at 133,000 and this will drop to 125,000 over the following two years, so the big construction groups like Wimpey and Laing who have a sizable commitment to public housing can probably write off the next couple of years as a no-

Private housing starts look slightly better with an 18,000 drop this year to 137,000 being made in 1978, but a further fall to 150,00 is expected the next year, which is not quite the picture being read into the latest figures on likely building society

For private housebuilders, like Barrati Developments, Fairview Estates and Orme Developments, however, the key to profits lies not so much in demand as getting their margins right. While labour costs may kick pj in 1978, margins are all the same improv-ing and with the benefit of lower interest rates pre-tax profits could still rise by a

Smith & Nephew

A new growth phase

main customer.

Smith & Nephew may be throwing off its stodgy image. The figures for the 40 weeks up to October 8 show a consistently strong and rising profits trend. At £14.1m profits before exchange losses £500,000 are up 30 per cent on the same period last year, while sales are up by 18 per cent at £129.5m. A continuation of the trend could produce compared with £15.3m for 1976, and adventurous analysts are forecasting more than £20m for 1978.

The optimism is based on firm all round results. About 47 per cent of the group's profits come from exports and sales of overseas subsidiaries. Better than expected consumer demand boosted the performance of the personal bygiene and cosmetics divisions, and profit margins in the medical products division which accounts for about half of sales, are above average for the group. Textiles are also growing strongly, capacity for denim production having been increased at the request of Bluebell, the

Perhaps the best news is that the Gala debacle is definitely a thing of the past. The group says that the return on capital employed in the United States is more than the cost of money, and that it hopes to break even or do a bit better in 1979.

If not, S & N will probably pull out, at only a modest loss. If that turnaround is achieved, and if consumer spending builds up as anticipated next year the breakout fromt he dull profit performance should be duly reflected in the shares. At 64p, where the shares sell at more than 10 times earnings, Smith & Nephew could finally have established itself as a growth prospect.

Patricia Tisdall

King size changes in the cigarette market

Cigarette manufacturers face, radical changes in their sales "mix" with the final phasing in of the EEC tax structure, due

to take effect from the begin-ning of next month.

As a result of the changeover, from a tax based on the weight of tobacco to a system related to the value of the end product, king size cigaretres, traditionally regarded as an occasional luxury by most British smokers are likely to take over the lion's share of the market. More important from the

manufacturers' point of view is that smokers are showing every sign of discarding old loyalties and switching to new brands at the same time as making the change to bigger cigarettes. Such developments have farreaching implications in the British market for established

British market for established manufacturers, particularly Imperial Tobacco, whose sales used to account for two thirds of the total, as well as presenting opportunities for smaller firms like Gellaher and Carreras Rotimans and aspiring newcomers to this market like British American Tobacco and Philip Movis.

Already, the first phase of tax harmonization, introduced in May, 1976, has brought the share of sales held by king size cigarettes up from under 10 per cent to nearly 30 per cent.

Labour was not so communit-ted, so the post-election uranum

between 79 and 80 per cent within five years.

The speed of the switch, as the events of the lest 18 months have proved conclusively, depends on price. If applied evenly by the manufacturers across the five main sizes of cigarette, the new method of tax collection would in theory mean a 10 per cent reduction

increase in the price of the smaller sized wirieties.

The historical 20 to 30 per cent price gap created by the old structure, where tax (which accounts for 75 per cent of the retail price) is related to weight of tobacco, would dwardle to vanishing point.

mean a 10 per cent reduction in the retail price of king size cigarettes and an equivalent

dwandle to vanishing point.

The erosion of the price gap naturally encourages smokers to opt for the larger size of cigarette. But the change could be accelerated by a repeat of the price war which followed the first phase of the tax change. This was triggered by a bid by Imperial to buy its way into the king size sector.

Imperial's tactics only par-tially succeeded. The 15 per cent stake in the king size sector claimed for John Player King Size last year had dropped to 11 per cent by August, after promotional support was

promotional support was relaxed. The company's other main runners, two king size versions of its Embassy range (one with and one without coupons), are estimated jointly to hold about 15 per company to hold about 15 per company to the control of t When the tax adjustment comes sions of its Embassy range (one fully into operation the expectation is that this category's are estimated jointly to hold share of sales will increase to about 15 per cent of the sector.

cent of sales in this sector of the market held by Gallaher's Benson & Hedges brand and more than 15 per cent for Rothmans King Size.

For competitive reasons, the cigarette producers, who want to avoid another price war, are reticent about their price plans after January 1. However, Gal-laher has publicly declared its hand in stating that the recommended price of this product will remain the same under the

It says it has already absorbed 6p a packet and no reduction in prices is possible prices is possible.

The other producers have in-dicated that they will follow. An inevitable consequence of the price war has been a drop in profit margins on bigger cigarettes. Were profit margins on king size cigarettes to be restored to the level achieved before 1976, it is estimated that the present recommended price would be 62.5p a packet rather than the prevailing 55p. Recommended price lists are,

of course, only a rough guide to prices actually charged. As the recent price war showed, manufacturers are prepared to drop well below them. However, one of the features of the new tax system is that this method of price cutting will become

The impact on each manu-

ing king size sales, varies according to the share of its output. The majority of Gallaher and Carreras Rothmans sales are of king size cigareties, whereas Imperial's strength has always lain in the smaller cate-

gories. Consequently Gallaher

and Rothmans have more to lose than Imperial by discount-Apart from acting as something of a disincentive to long-term discounting, the multiplier effect of the new tax system, which takes the ad valorem element up from a present level of 22 per cent to 30 per cent,

quickly than was expected, has fer cent. than 80 per cent of the comof the new tax system is that
pany's cigarettes before 1976 it releases funds formerly tied

encourages manufacturers to keep production costs down.

All these changes have taken place against a background of overall declining sales. As stockbrokers Wood Mackenzie point out, unit sales of cigarettes have been declining steadily ever since swingeing of 0.3 per cent, 3.2 per cent and 1.5 per cent. For 1977, an even greater dip of between 4 per

cent and 5 per cent is expected. The manufacturers attribute the decline to straightforward consumer resistance to higher imposed prices, but undoubtedly grgeater awareness of health hazards has also played

as well as the switch to king size cigarettes is working to Imperial's disadvantage. Wood Mackenzie in a recent review estimate that the group's share of overall sales has already declined from 66 per cent to disappeared. Their demise, a further decline during the which occurred much more next two years in at her forecast quickly than was expected.

were accompanied by coupons up in financing duty. The partial which had the advantage of change in the system has binding a smoker to a particular brand.

Today, they are included with gain of \$100m\$ will be made from January.

The other established manuary.

facturers will also receive gains equivalent to the size of their output. The traditional industry able to fight incoming competition or to help, if its choice lies in this direction, to diversify into other possible less turbu-

Mr Fraser-after the triumph the tribulations

Douglas Aiton discusses that Mr Malcolm Fraser has regained office with a thumpeconomic prospects for the Australians in 1978

ing majority he has to put be-hind him the euphoria of victory and face up to the sober-ing prospect that within months he is going to be unpopular with the electorate. Australia. On the one hand they are being forced to revalue the yen against the dollar, thereby this—the reason for calling an secure office before had times increasing the cost of their hreatened his government. He exports and reducing their com-petitiveness. On the other, they are facing increasing artificial

has now grasped three years of uninterrupted power, but will-have to bear the brunt of an barriers to their imports. Japan has dangerously large inventories of finished goods in The immediate reaction to Mr Fraser's reelection has been a minor boom on the stock ex-change, with particular emphaboth domestic and overseas warehouses, Adjusting to a downturn in export sales will adversely affect its economic sis on those compenses asso-ciated with uranium. Mr growth, with a consequent reduction in demand for Aus-Fraser has committed Austria to the mining and export of uranium, with the now almost legendary "safeguards" being

Even if Japan and the rest of the world were pursuing the modest growth projections of a few months ago, Australia's balance of payments is such that despite protectionist measures it depends on a con-stant and fairly large flow on capital account. In the short run this can be maintained by official borrowings, but some solid resumption of private capital inflow will be required

ted, so the post-election tranum boom is hardly surprising.

There is no doubt that the Australian Labour Party, generally, is not trusted by the business community. Although efforts were made during the Whitlam regime to bridge the gap, the economy fell apart so disastrously that it will be a long time, if ever, before the stock exchanges react to a stock exchanges react to a Labour government with anyone particular advantage for Mr Fraser, with the people so solidly disenchanted with the Labour Party, is that his gov-ernment will now be able to thing but suspicion.

Given a healthy growing economy Labour might be tolerated, but the business contemplate economic policy as a real option. This was not possible community wants a Liberal government, to stimulate enthueven during the nearly 20 years siasm and confidence. The Liberals are regarded as being

of Menzies government, because that regime, although tough and employing tactics that will in the long run work, whereas Labour is regarded as being soft on inflation, unsym-pathetic to the problems of big business, districtful of foreign operating in stable times, did not achieve the authority in lectoral terms of the pres Fraser Government. Exactly what any longer term plans would involve is not investment and unreliable in its

yet clear, but no doubt the attempt to reduce inflation at decisions.
So the stock exchanges of Australia are pleased, but it will not be long before the country has to face up to the first of the economic problems, the balance of payments. Almost the expense of at least initially raising unemployment will now be continued. There is no doubt that the 1975-1977 Fraser Gov-ernment was achieving marked success in bringing down every report from authoritative analysts of national and internagant election campaign claim of having halved it, from 18 per cent to 9, was difficult to justic. tional economic trends contains a downward adjustment of previous predictions.

previous predictions.

For Australia one country looms largest of all in the balance of trade—Japan. The Japanese are encountering severe economic difficulties which will inevitably affect There is also no doubt that unemployment, which became serious during the Whitlam years, worsened during the

present there is nothing to sugto deteriorate. It was originally expected, in fact, that the election would be fought on Mr Fraser's mismanagement of it was shown that the electorate did not necessarily admire Labour's performance in that

So unemployment remains the greatest immediate prob-

The full impact of the balance of payments problem is difficult to assess. Figures just released show that Australia's balance of payments deficit for November was an overall A\$70m (about \$43m), compared with a A\$63m surplus in October and a A\$46m deficit in

There is no doubt that the remment has not received the favourable response it ex-

trade voion movement. Al-though the president of the Australian Council of Trade Unions, Mr Bob Hawke, has established a strong reputation as some-thing of a wizard at solving industrial disputes, even he is not at all encouraging about industrial unrest

Early this week he said that the Fraser government's re-election could lead to confrontation next year because "the Government was likely to in-

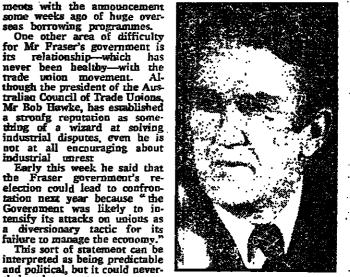
seas borrowing program

tensify its attacks on unious as a diversionary tactic for its failure to manage the economy."

This sort of statement can be interpreted as being predictable and political, but it could never-theless be true to some extent in the scuse that the Frased style is not the sort of conservative government to which the union movement could be expected to respond, especially when leglislation directed at preventing strikes has been

planned.

Growing balance of payments difficulties, inflation still running at more than 10 per cent



Mr Malcolm Fraser, the newly reelected Prime Minister: be faces problems on several

and industrial uncertainty are bad enough, but unemployment per cent, and going up, will the biggest problem now

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Group Sales	78,400	67,900
Profit before interest.	9,690	7,274
Interest Charges (net)	366	137
Group Profit before Taxation	9.324	7,137
Group Profit after Taxation	4,636	3,665
Dividends: Interim-paid	770	384
Per Share	2.0p	1.0p
Final -proposed	1.517	539
Per Share	3.94p	Lilo
Earnings per Share	12.lp	9.5p

MR. ROBIN MARTIN, CHAIRMAN, REPORTS:

the previous year.

a greater rate than those from the United Kingdom and 52 per cent, of our profits are now earned in overseas markets.

The Annual Report will be posted to skarcholders on 10 January 1978 and the Annual General Meeting will be held in Birminghum on 9 February 1978,

"The Group achieved another record for the World markets for our products, particularly third successive year with profit before tax for industrial valves which account for some at £9.3m. This time profits rose by 30 per cent. 40 per cent. of our sales, remain difficult and earnings per share by 27 per ceat, over and there is as yet no sign of an improvement; the UK industrial scene is also diffi-This was an excellent achievement in cult. The start of the current year has not market conditions which were far from easy. .been encouraging and prospects are un-Both overseas sales and profits increased at certain. We shall need a concerted effort on the part of all at Serck to match

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Business Diary: Meany once more • Norland's Alcoa

George Meany is fit and well. His voice is strong and his power undiminished. At 83 the president of the 13.7 million-member AFL-CIO trade union organization has just been voted another two-year term of office and an handsome pay rise.
The almost 1,000 delegates to the AFL-CIO's "constitutional convention" in Los Angeles de-

cided unanimously to increase their president's annual pay by 520,000 (£10,900) to \$100,000 (54,300); but the delegates also remembered the heir parent, the exceptionally ration Mr Lane Kirkland, who 745 been George Meany's assistant for longer than he cares to recall. Kirkland's pay has been increased from \$60,000 (£32,600) to \$90,000 (£48,900)

Kirkland spent 14 years as orge Meany's executive assist-and has been the organization's secretary-treasurer since

He was loudly cheered when he was reelected unopposed once again to the AFL-CIO's number two post. But, not surprisingly, the loudest cheers of all in the week-long meeting were from the members of plumbers union, local number

Alcua of Great Britain, the United Kingdom arm of the world's biggest aluminium comrany, is in the throes of a top nanagement, shake-up which will result on January 1 in the arrival of a new chairman, tenaging director, financial director and head of its largest



The easiest way out would be to give all the children skate board tokens."

Norland, whose appointment United Kingdom, but it has a was announced in Eusiness big rolling mill in Swansea and Diary in July. Norland is to a big recycling plant in Buckingremain an executive director of Hambros Bank and plans to devote about a third of his time to Alcoz

Norland, who succeeds Dr Robert Berry, has wide experience in the shipping industry and is chairman of the finance study committee of the Inter-Maritime Industries

His managing director is to be an American, 46-year-old Frank Townsend, an Alcoa man for 22 years, who is to take up his first foreign posting for the company. He is at present market manager of alumina and chemicals in Alcoa's headquarters in Pittsburgh and is to take over in the United King-dom from Ward Stewart, who has become European regional

competitors, Kaiser and Alcan, Alcoa does not operate an The chairman is to be Otto aluminium smelter in the

big rolling mill in Swansea and a big recycling plant in Bucking-hamshire. The head of the

Swansea operation is to be Paul Griswold, who has 30 years' service with Alcoa and comes to the United Kingdom from the Dutch subsidiery. The new finance man is William Wyatt, formerly con-troller at an Alcoa plant in the United States, who replaces John Hickman, now appointed financial manager for Alcoa

Europe. Alcoa, normally a company which shuns publicity, was reluctant vesterday to herald the reshuffle as marking a significant change in company policy, although a spokesman said they wanted Alcoa GB to grow—"and this means outcompeting anyone."

Unlike its North American Having introduced early re-ompetitors, Kaiser and Alcan, tirement for his top executives, Icoa does not operate an Edgar Bowring chaltanan of the traders C. T. Bowring, is now

practising what he preaches.

He is to bow out at the not so ripe old age of 62—three years before the group's mandatory retisement age—because, he says: "It is good for promo-In this case it is particularly

good for promoting another Bowring, cousin Peter, who is 54 and has been deputy chair-man since Edgar took the chairin 1973. As well as taking over the group chairmanship Peter Bowring will also become chairman of the group's banking erm, Bowmaker. Ivor Binney will step up to

succeed Edgar Bowring as chairman of C. T. Bowring (insurance) Holdings.

Edgar Bowring, who took over the chair on the sudden death of another cousin, Ian Skimming, will remain a non-executive director of Bowring's and says he is also "open to offers" elsewhere.

Advertising brings to mind the cobbler's children who went without shoes, in that it has no central system for publi-cizing its history. Even in America, which tends to revere its past, important records ere being destroyed daily. In this country, much of the early development of commercial television has already been

forgotten. All this will be changed if a bunch of British edvertising industry devotees organized by number director of David Dunbar, director information services at Walter Thompson, and chaired by Jimmy Williams, the former director general of the Advertising Association, has its way. The high-powered group has

charitable status. The trust will collate material to explain how old advertisements — already being sought by collectors came to be planned and written and what results they achieved. A £100,000 appeal will shortly be made to the industry. There ere plans for an exhibition and the search for premises is on. The first issue of a regular journal has been published this week and more patrons, the latest being Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chairman of the Advertising man of the Advertising Standards Authority, are being

formed a History of Advertising

Trust, which is being regis-tered as a foundation with

"blind tasting" yesterday to see if experienced whisky årinkers could distinguish standard blends from the much more expensive de luxe varie

signed up.

Of the distillers' representa tives present only one matched Business Diary's score which, at eight out of 12, was the best of the day. Only four people, for example, identified Chivas Regal as a de luxe blend.

Next, it is suggested, the panel should try to pick out the products of the Japanese distilleries, which have been built in the shadow of Mount Fuji as copies of Scottish originals with the aid of thou sands of "tourists" photographs. It may, the distillers' men said hopefully, prove

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Stock markets

Prices tumble on fears of trade deficit

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A sudden bout of nerves over today's trade figures sent shares prices tumbling to their lowest level of the month.

Monday's confident talk of another surplus was quickly replaced by fears that the November figures may produce a visible deficit. This, combined with a Nedo report forecasting little or no improvement in the level of industrial investment in the coming months, was enough to prompt light selling and the FT Index closed 7.6 off at 476.9, its low point of the day.

Tea group James Finlay, where John Soure has nearly 30 per cent, met with a flurry of inter-est and rose 12p to 290p. But the main spur is the latest rise in the price of tea. On this count alone the share is a broker? javoiaite at present

Dealers said selling pressure was not great but there was also some concern over the apparent rejection by a majority of firemen of the latest pay formula. Gilts were also a nervous

market ahead of the trade figures with long maturity losing all of Monday's full point gains as profits were taken. At the shorter end of the range prices dipped by amounts ranging up to three eighths of a points.

Among the big-name industrial issues Beecham turned in another firm performance clos-ing just 2p lower at 665p. But Lucas dipped 8p to 269p after the chairman had commented on the possible impact of the recent toolmakers' strike on investment plans, while a warning on profits lowered Smiths Industries 11p to 155p.

market estimates and a bullish statement. The likelihood of this was predicted here some weeks ago. But Thorn continued to be sold nervously ahead of next month's figures, losing 8p to 348p, while Racal also came

Hopes of takeover news lifted G. Dew no less than 16p to

Cawoods (1)
City of Dublin (F) —(-)
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NMC Inv (I) —(—)

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Nth Brit Steel (F) 8.7(7.7)
Saint Piran (I) 7.1(5.9)
Serck (F) 78.4(67.9)
Smith & Nohw (I) 129.5(109.9)
South Crotty (I) 4.1(2.8)
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Valkfontein (I) —(—)
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went against the trend with a port, some of it speculative, attract support in the hope of rise of 6p to 214p after a higher dividend, profits in line with and Photo-Me up 7p to 282p, time most of the interest and profits and a hillest continued to the second of the interest and profits and pr In the electrical sector ICL 144p with others to attract sup-Glenlivet were suspended at 460p and LRC eased 21p to 761p after profits which were accompanied by a £4m-plus rights issue. Perhaps the most volatile

counter was Assam Frontier which dipped to 290p on fading bid hopes before fresh support lifted the shares to 310p, a net loss over the session of 5p.

comment was good for a rise of 2p to 101p in Talbex while another to see some support

Latest results

Earnings

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centred on Royco, up 21p to 301p, and Rush & Tompkins which gained 3p to 94p.

Metal Box succumbed to the market trend losing 12p to 290p. while Serck dipped 5p to 93p after a warning on profits.

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Comment was good for a rise

After receiving a full quotation H. Sekes opened at 1965 and closed a couple of pence lower. In front of figures due today Associated Dairies dropped So Among the industrial leaders to 242p, but FMC, also with letal Box succumbed to the figures soon, held steady at

> One or two brokers are to be heard suggesting that now is the time to buy for recovery Reed International whose shares are resting at 130p after their lide from 233p earlier this year. Borrowings are a burden indeed, but some say that Reed could if it wanted sell two Quebec pulp mills and cut horrowines at a stroke. The plants would juid ready busers.

In the financial sector banks were led down by Barclays, 8p lower at 320n, closely followed by Lloyds which shed 6p to 272p. Figures from Stenhouse enabled the shares to firm a enabled the shares to firm a penny to 100n in a retreating sector, while the weakest of properties included Great Portland, off 8p to 2880. Land Securities 6p to 207p and Berkeley Hambro 5p to 107p.

Both IC Gas 7n to 378p and Cawoods 4p to 1440 lost ground after figures, but K Shoes managed an impressive 6p jump managed an impressive 6p jump

Equity turnover on December 12 was £99.11m (13,308 bar-12 was 599.11m (13,308 bar-gains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Tele-graph, were ICI, BAT Dfd, Beecham. Serck, BP. LRC, Thorn, Shell, H Sykes, Talbex, Unilever. P & O, Burmah, James Finlay, Lucas, ICI Hold-ings and G. Dew. Wilson Bros (1) 6.1(4.8) 0.48(0.3+) 2.01(1.45) 0.5(0.5) 3/1 -(1.2) Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net a Forecast b Cents.

First-half fall of 7 pc knocks IC Gas shares

News of a 7 per cent dip in first-helf pre-tax profits at Imperial Continental Gas to £1.18m prompted a 7p cut in the share price to leave it at 378p. The decline is offset by lower interest and depreciation charges and an increase in interest received by the group. This leaves attributable profits up a full 86 per cent at £462,000.

As usual these interim results include the association and its subsidiaries but not the Belgian subsidiaries. Mr F. E. Zellinger, chairman, says that present indications are for a group's shares of profits from the Bel-gian subsidiaries, together with the group proportion of UNERG earnings, will be slightly greater in terms of Belgian francs than for 1976-77.

Tax provisions made in the accounts in previous years amounting to about £1.4m have been released, and will be treated in the accounts of this year as a previous years' adjust-

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the level of currency fluctua-

tions, profits from insurance

broking and industrial group

Stenhouse Holdings, climbed by 35 per cent to £10.02m in the

The contribution from the

The contribution from the 54.47 per cent-owned insurance broking subsidiary, Reed Shaw Osler, improved by just over a third to £8.59m taken at a conversion rate against the Canadian dollar of \$1.77 against \$1.89 in the previous year (when

currency realignments produced almost half Reed Shaw Osler's

The effects the swinging parities produced an excep-tional loss of £444,000 in 1976-

year to end-September last.

By Ray Maughan

profits growth).

Stenhouse climbs 35 pc in

all-round improvement

ment. No account has been taken of this in the interim results.

Mr Zollinger says that the Calor Group's turnover was 28 per cent up on the first six months of last year. Trading profit increased by 22 per cent to 5897,000. It included a profit to £897,000. It included a processor of £400,000 on the sale of assets on withdrawing from transport in Germany. The operations in Germany. The continuing pressure on margins has been remporarily increased by the cost of converting butane cylinders to the more convenient "switch-on" system in Great Britain. The board states that uncertainties over pay negotiations in the fuel and power industries, and winter temperatures, make it difficult

profit for the full year.

Over 1976-77 the group, which has big North Sea interests, managed a 50 per cent rise to a record 522.2m before tax, and one of 37; per cent to £14.6m at the consolidated net earnings level.

77 against a profit of £375,000 previously. Excluding these items, earnings per share advanced by 27 per cent to 13.03p. The shares climbed 1p yesterday to 100p where the p/e—excluding currency changes—is 7.7.

The industrial side produced growth of 34 per cent to £2.03m

at the pre-tax profits level where the engineering and jewelry divisions contributed the bulk of the year's growth. Textiles encountered difficult conditions throughout much of the year

the year
The board, headed by Mr G.

at this stage to forecast the

spurs Piran and Crofty By Alison Mitchell

Tin boom

The rising price of tin puts a gloss on the half-year profit figures of mining and property group Saint Piran and its recently re-quoted subsidiary South Crofty. In the six months to September 30 the parent group turned in a pre-tax profit of £1.3m against a previous £798,000 on

turnover up from £5.9m to £7.2m, while Crofty hoisted profits by £600,000 to £1.1m on improved turnover of £4.1m against £2.9m last time. In October Saint Piran

floated off 35 per cent of South Crofty with an offer for sale to raise £2.6m. At the time Crofty made a conservative pre-tax profit forecast of £2m for the year to end March, 1978. However with the average tine price received for the first half amounting to £5,850 a tonne and the three-mouth tin price likely to work out at around £6,350 a tonne for the year as a whole, Crofty could finish the curent period with a profit

nearing the £2.7m level. The offer for sale, which was subscribed some 45 times, cost

subscribed some 45 times, cost the two groups over £4m.

The group has increased its stake in Fairmont State (formerly Faber Merlin of Thailand) to 43 per cent and now has listed holdings with a market value of around £8.5m. However this does not include the cash received for the 35 per cent holding in Crofty or its interests in Malaysia and Thailand. And the directors envisage using some of the considerable resources to buy up companies in the buy up companies in the mining, house-building and allied industries.

The share price of both companies remained unchanged yesterday with Crofty closing at 72p and Saint Piran at 75p. Subject to the relaxation of Sweper to the relaxation of Government dividend restraints Saint Piran expects to pay total dividend of 5.68p gross for the year. This would be satisfactorily covered by likely profits,

Serck warning after topping forecast

It is a reasonable bet that Associated Engineering would have had a greater chance of succeeding with its £36m offer for Serck if it had pitched next month rather than a year earlier. But, then, the target would probably look less terming. tempting. Certainly heat exchange and

valve manufacturer Serck is well clear of its bid defence targets of £9m pre-tax with a 30 per cent profit rise to £9.32m.
Earnings climbed 27 per cent to 12.1p a share The share price fall, however,

was prompted by the board's warmings for the current year. The market for industrial valves—40 per cent of Serck's business—remains difficult and business—remains difficult and there is no sign of any upturn. So the current year has started indifferently and the prospects are "incertain". The warning from Mr. G. Martin, chairman, is clear. "We shall need a concerted effort on the part of all at Serck to match the excellent results achieved last year."

year." dividend is hou Sterling's recent strength to 9p per share.



Mr Robin Martin, chaicman of

may also prove a dampener. Over 50 per cent of profits were earned in overseas markets last year but their superior with domestic operations may be jeopardized by the fall in British export competitiveness. As forecast, the gross total dividend is hoisted from 3.71

KShoes Limited

Preliminary Profit Statement

The Group Profits and Dividends are summarised as

Year ended 30th September	1977	1976
	£000's	£000°
Group Turnover	43,147	39,57
Group Profit after all charges	- •	
but before taxation	2,086	1,56
Taxation	382	4
Group Profit after Taxation	1,704	1,51
Ordinary Dividends	%	%
Interim - paid	3.08	3.0
Final-proposed	6.00	5,2
TOTAL	9.08	8.3
Amounts absorbed by di ids	£000's	£000°
Preference - paid	11	1
Ordinary - paid and proposed	$3\overline{41}$	31
TOTAL,	352	32
Earnings per Ordinary Share	11.27p	10,03
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For 1977 the Group has, for the first time, adopted accounting standard SSAP 9 relating to the valuation of stocks and has ceased to provide for deferred taxation, following the recommendation of Exposure Draft 19. The 1976 figures have been altered so that they are fully comparable.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Kendal on Thursday, 16th February 1978. The final Ordinary Dividend will be paid on 6th March 1978, the record date being 16th January 1978.

DIVIDENDS

The Directors propose a Final Ordinary Dividend of 1.5 pence per share (1976 1.32 pence). The Interim Dividend was 0.77 pence per share, so that the total Ordinary Dividend for the year, with an imputation tax credit of 34% (1976 35%) is equivalent to a gross dividend of 13.75% (1976 12.86%).

The Chairman, Mr. S. Crookenden, comments:-

Pre-tax profits for the year, at £2,086,000 show an increase of 33.5% while the turnover of £43,147,000 was up by 9%.

The year's results are better than expected at the half-year, thanks to a fine performance by our retail company, K Shoe Shops Ltd. They produced a record profit, helped by buoyant demand in August and September.

The Manufacturing Company, KShoemakers Limited. had a difficult year, making a loss. The first half-year was depressed with the problems of closing one factory and of running other factories below capacity, and it took several months to rebuild morale and productivity. Our factories are now busy, thanks to improved demand this autumn, and to increased forward orders from retailers for the spring 1978 ranges of men's, women's and children's K shoes. Manufacturing prospects look much brighter than at this time last year.

K Shoes Limited, Kendal, Cumbria

Boyd, is recommending a final gross dividend of 3.64p which lifts the total from 5.5p to 6.14p gross per share where the yield is 6.2 per cent.

at Crown Growth continues at the City of Dublin Bank with pre-tax profits for the year to September 30, expanding by 40 per cent to a record £426;000. This makes a rise of over 80 per A warning that the spectre of pay difficulties is likely to overhang the annual profits of Crown House comes from chair-man Mr Patrick Edge-Partington

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in his interim statement.
Since September, the glassware division of the group has
been hit by the strike of British

Oxygen drivers while the "go slow" and subsequent strike of the lift maintenance men has also had its effect. "Therefore while the affairs of the grown may in many ways be said to be in fine condition there is over-hanging the danger of profits being affected by pay difficulties", he tells shareholders.

In the six months to Septem-

ber 30 last, the group turned in a pre-tax profit of £1.1m against a previous £990,000 on turnover up from £36.2m to £43.4m. And the national pay policy is hindering growth in another way. Crown, which is involved in engineering, table glassware manufacture and property development, is service orientated and, as such, heavily dependent

on people. A national policy which artificially holds down the levels of pay, other than in the short term, can only be dangerous to such a business, says Mr Edge-Partington.

However, orders for engineering services in the period were £48.5m against a previous £37m and the chairman anticipates that profits at the year end should exceed the £2.6m made last time.

For shareholders there is a stepped up interim dividend of 1.66p, against 1.51p. And in a

depressed market yesterday the

Pay problem | Another growth year for casts shadow City of Dublin Bank

makes a rise of over 80 per cent in the past two financial yéars. In the absence of something

really unwelcome Mr Thomas Kenny, chairman, expects next year to show record profits yet again. The board plans to raise the final dividend by 27 per cent as it is not restricted by the dividend limits currently oper-

aring in the United Kingdom. This will make a total dividend for the year of 2.5p gross compared with 2.25p for 1976. The group's biggest profit earner is instalment lending, during the year advances in-creased from £5.5m to £8m. There are 20,000 accounts and the arrears position is most satisfactory and well below

national averages.

Secured lending has also increased from £4.6m to £5.3m and the group would welcome the opportunity to quote for more of this business, but to satisfy its criteria, it must be of good quality. ECGD BACKS LOAN

ECGD BACKS LOAN

ECGD has guaranteed repayment and funding of \$45.6m loan which Citicorp International Bank has made available to Ivory Coast Government. Second largest dollar loan backed by ECGD. THOS W. WARD
Butters Cranes subsidiary is selling its London premises at Hilling-don to Ruston Eucyrus, crane and

excavator manufacturers of Lio-

Butters' manufacturing now con-

cola, for £470,000.

Briefly

MITCHELL COTTS GROUP In annual report chairman writes that pre-tax profit this year to next June will probably drop from last year's record to around previous year's. But net profit may well show increase on 1976-1977. Mr. J. K. Dick retiring as chairman at begining of April

SAMUEL SHERMAN

Board now thinks that trading loss in period April 1 to December 31, 1977, will be approximately £150,000 Board to restructure business and cut overheads. It is also taking advice on realizing leasehold interest in Hanover Supremises. Mr S. Shannan, chairman, and Mr I. B. Sherman to retire. retire.

SIR HUGH FRASER He has switched share stake with market value of around fil.5m in House of Fraser to charitable and family trusts. So he is left with no beneficial interest in ord though he stays

UNITED SCIENTIFIC Rights issue has been taken up 97.23 per cent. Balance has been sold and net proceeds will be distributed. MERGER CLEARANCE

Mr Roy Hartersley, Secretary of State for Prices, not referring merger between Trafalgar House STOKES CASTINGS This Mansfield iron foundry business have discharged debts to unsecured creditors and have terminated Receivership of Co.

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A good year's trading: turnover and profit at record levels.

The 44th Annual General Meeting of S. Simpson Limited was held on 13th December in London, Dr. S. L. Simpson, Chairman presiding: The following are extracts from his

I am pleased to report a good year's trading in all divisions.

In effect, our Turnover and Profit for the Financial Year under review surpassed all previous records. The achievements of the Manufacturing Companies in the second half of the year confirmed the forecast in my last year's Statement. For Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd. the comprehensive range of DAKS Clothing for men and women played a prominent part in trading and its wide range of fashion goods in all sections also proved highly successful with overseas visitors.

Both the DAKS-Simpson Manufacturing Companies made good progress in the second half of the Financial Year as the benefits of re-organisation, large investments in modern equipment and techniques, creative styling and merchandising and great efforts to meet the needs of potential Export markets, began to be realised.

Royalty incomes from our Licensees abroad are a progressive and useful contribution to profit. These areas require adequate and close liaison with our experts in this country to ensure worldwide standards of design and quality. U.S.A. remains the most expansive potential.

The Company has just finalised an Agreement with Bernard Weatherill Ltd., internationally known for its Riding Wear, to co-operate in the manufacture and marketing of Men's and Women's riding jackets, coats, jodhpurs and breeches.

The Invertère Coat Company increased its turnover and profits substantially, especially in the second half of the year, establishing new high levels. Exports accounted for more than

The past year's achievements for the Group and present trading give good grounds for a favourable outlook for the current half year. However, it would be imprudent not to recognise that we are not immune from the general industrial and fiscal problems in this country and overseas. The problems of inflation, industrial and social unrest, increasing charges for essential services and onerous high taxation, inevitably constitute disincentives to entrepreneurs, management, skilled workers and investors, especially as the high rates of taxation in many areas, including investment income, are well beyond those of our industrial competitors in other countries. However, there are some signs of a better understanding of the many complex inter-related problems and of the need for us all to pull together if we are to solve them for the benefit of the country as a whole. With this hope and expectation I retain my qualified optimism for the future.

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My sincere thanks, as Chairman, are due to all my colleagues on the Boards, and to Management and Staff of all companies within the Group for their efforts and loyal co-operation in achieving a successful and progressive year's

S.Simpson Retailing spearheads recovery as K Shoes again tops £2m

By Tony May
A spirited recovery in the second-half has pushed K Shoes back past the £2m mark for the year to September 30. This is better news then seemed likely at half-time, when pre-tax profits dropped from £1.14m to £762,000. Mr Spencer Crookenden; chairman, said that problems associated with the close down of the Norwich factory were the main cause of the setback, but this problem was now behind. He expected profits for the full year to be close to back past the £2m mark for the

now behind. He expected profits for the full year to be close to the 1975-76 total.

In the event, the second half brought a leap of 68 per cent to £1.32m before tax leaving the year's total at £2.08m against £1.56m last year and the record £2.7m made in 1972-73. This was achieved on sales 9 per cent up at £43.1m, and points to a rise in margins from 3.79m per rise in margins from 3.79m per cent to 4.65 per cent. Mr Crookenden says the

Disruption

Smiths Inds

Much the same as Lucas Industries last week assessed the adverse effect of the tool-

makers' strike, Mr Roy Sisson, chairman of Smiths Industries, also reports "considerable dis-ruption" stemming from

ruption stemming from reaction to the anti-inflation

While many of its sectors were well covered with forward

were well covered wan forward orders, the group's ability to deliver goods was dependent on how the anti-inflation policy was reflected in industrial disruption both in its own and customers' workforces.

Generally, sales and profits of many of its activities showed

improvement on a year ago. Mr Sisson cited the main exceptions

as its operations with motor vehicle manufacturers and with

the aero-space industry which have been affected by disrup-tion. He gives a warning that because of this total profits for

because of this total profies for the current half-year will fall below those of the same period. But with eigns of a lessening in the disruption, plus improve-ment within the company, it was on the cards that this opening shortfall could be recouped in the full year.

After a slight rise to 84 per cent last week, the coupon on this weeks' batch of local autho-

mis weeks baren of local autority bonds has dropped to 72 per cent. The biggest borrower, with £1.5m over one year, is Maidstone, while Edinburgh is

raising £1.25m. Havering, Hoursiow, Portsmouth, Strath-clyde, and Windsor and Madden-head are each raising £1. A valuable interest rate is pre-ferred by Thamesdown.

Warnford ahead and

rental boost to come

Ahead of the upturn in rental income which is expected to stem shortly from the refurbish-ment and reletting of the predominantly short leasehold

precommantly short leasehold portfolio, pre-tax revenue et Warnford Investments climbed by just over £30,000 to £801,000 in the six months to June 24. Shareholders, who include the Sebba family with a 36 per cent stake and Co-operative Insurance Society with a further 10 per cent receive a 10

ther 10 per cent, receive a 10 per cent increase in the gross interim dividend to 3.906p a

Business appointments

Bowring Group chief to give up executive duties Mr Edgar Bowring, chairman of The Bowring Group is to give up his executive duties on December

The Bowling Group is in give or his executive duties on December 31. He will be succeeded as chairman of Bownaker by Mr Peter Bowring and as chairman of C. T. Bowling (Insurance). Holdings, by Mr I. R. Binney. Mr Peter Bowring will also succeed Mr Edgar Bowling when the latter retires as group chairman next May.

Mr J. B. H. Mazfin's to become chairman of Martin The Newsagent next March, succeeding Mr B. H. S. Martin, who is to remain a director and is to become life president. Mr J. B. H. Marin's post as marketing director will be taken over by Mr P. J. Martin, the stores co-ordination director. Mr R. G. Schweitzer continues as managing director.

sur R. G. Salvette commiss as managing director.

Sir Philip Rogers has been elected a non-executive director of Glaxo Holdings from January 1.

Mr Bernard Norman, director of Retail Travel, and Mr Robert Woodford group personnel comments.

Woodford, group personnel con-troller, have joined the board of

troller, have joined the board of Thomas Cook.

Mr E. H. Boot, chairman and managing director of Henry Boot and Sons, is to become chairman and joint managing director. Mr D. H. Boot is to be deputy chairman and Mr J. B. Parkinson joint managing director.

Mr D. T. Hand has joined the board of N. Brown Investments.

Mr Bill Kiely has been made chairman of Foote. Cone & Belding, succeeding Mr Brian MacCabe, who remains o nine board of both FCB London and the parent company FCB Communications Incorpany FCB Communications Incorp

rcb London and me parent com-pany FCB Communications Incor-porated. Mr Kiely condinues as managing director. Mr Denis Inchbald, Mr Sinclair Stewart and Mr Carl Behr have joined the

Mr D. A. Plume has joined the board of Camping Gaz (GB) as director of marketing services. Mr G. T. Checketts becomes

managing director and continues as deputy chairman of Hawker Siddeley International, Mr E. F. T. Jenkins and Mr C. H. Brooks have

been made directors.

Mr Harry Griffin has been made chief, excusive of Stanley Gibbons

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lirector of London Scottish Finance Corporation, Mr A. S.

Yearling bonds

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Mr Soencer Crookenden, chairdivision made a record profit.

The group's results would have been better but for a loss results reflect a fine performance by the retail outlets. Helped by an upturn in demand over August and September this the manufacturing company, Shoemakers, which has met

The close-down at Norwich and the running of several other factories below capacity depressed the first half, and Mr Crockenden says that it took several months to rebuild morate and productivity. The group's factories are now busy, thanks to improved demand this autumn, and the increased forward ordering by retailers for the spring representations. for the spring ranges of men's, women's and children's K cases. He adds that manufacturing prospects look much brighter than at this time last

For the first time, the group has adopted the new accounting standard for valuing stocks, and has stopped providing for deterred taxation. The 1976 figures have been altered for full comparison.

The results were good for the shares pushing them up 5p to 49p, where the yield is 7.02 per cent. The gross dividend total of 3.44p against 3.21p, and earnings a share 11.27p against

Wilson Brothers up 40pc at the halfway stage

Greetings card publisher Wilson Brothers reports a rise

of 40 per cen tin pre-tax profits to £486,000 for the 26 weeks to September 30 this is coupled with the good news that pre-tax profits for the full year to March 31 1978 will be substantially higher than for the pretially higher than for the pre-vious year. The shares stayed firm at 361p yesterday.

Turnover of this Middlesex-based group was £6.1m for the 26 weeks compared with £4.8m for 27 weeks. Margins rose slightly from 7.11 to 7.95 per-cent and carmings a share are 2.01p against 1.46p. The direc-tors declared an interim divi-

Group has bought 75 per cent of capital of Rouger et Cle for £588,227 cash, financed by Burocurrency loan. Annual pre-tax profit from assets being acquired £120,772.

dend of 0.970 compared with 0.75p for the corresponding period. The board has decided that the whole of the 10 per cent increase permitted for the year should be added to the interim dividend.

Recently, Britain's biggest water of gracing code.

maker of greeting cards Fine
Art. Developments, increased
pre-tax profits by one third to
£1.15m. Earlier in the year Fine Art raised £1.85m by way of a rights issue. Fine Art at prerights issue. Fine Art at present holds a 20.17 per cent stake in Wilson Brothers.

In the last full year pre-tax profits of Wilson Brothers fell from £674,000 to £449,000 with tumover up from £7.6m to £8.4m.

Acceptances for \$2.7 per cent of the \$8.7m shares offered as rights. Shares not taken up sold and net premium over offer price, 73p a share, to be distributed to those

Cawoods face lag after good opening

Profits at Cawoods Holdings the first half of the current year but Mr Edward Binks, chairman, is not so confident of the second six months.

Lower interest rates, capital spending and market forces are likely to leave the group below last year's second half profit of £4.5m. Yesterday the shares slipped 4p to 144p.

In the half to September 30 the Harrogate-based fuel distributor-to-road materials conglomerate increased pre-tax profits from a previous £2.4m to £2.9m on turnover up £18m to £102m. The 21 per cent improvement in turnover reflected price in-creases in coal and oil and some growth in volume in the solid and oil fuel, building materials, refractories and container shipping divisions.

Fear by consumers of a more strike, and a more normal summer this year, in-creased demand for domestic coal, and coupled to rising prices, this hoisted the division's profit contribution. However the chairman gives warning that the improvement could be at the expense of second-half

figures.
Solid and oil fuel sales were up, despite severe competition in the market but coal exports remained depressed. Current stocks of coal and oil fuel, totalling £5.2m, show an improvement on the same

period last year.

The difficulties of the construction industry and lower house starts have not held back profits in the building and road materials division the chairman reports. This suggests that Cawood share increased its

market share.
The refractories and container shipping services also turned in stepped-up contribu

Cawoods also has an 11.6 per cent stake in London & Scottish Marine Oil and various interests in eight North Sea blocks held Zahn, management board chairby Total Oil Marine Consortium.

Exploration to cost Hudson's Bay \$150m

Calgary, Alberta.—Mr S. G. Olson, president of Hudson's Bay Oil and Gas, says that 1978 investment plans recently approved by the directors will result in more than \$150m of result in more than \$150m of expenditure for exploration, development and other activities. This will also be 20 per cent higher than the 1977 pro-

gramme. Expenditures for oil and gas exploration will be the largest in the group's history at nearly \$90m, with three quarters expected to be spent in Canada and the rest in foreign areas. In comparison with 1977, this will represent an increase of 40 per cent. The Canadian portion of the 1978 programme will

tion of the 1978 programme will be up by 30 per cent, and will result in participation in the drilling of approximately 120 exploratory wells.

In Alberta, where the majority of the activity will take place, the group expects to participate in 10 deep tests in the foothills and deep basin areas and about 30 exploratory wells in the prolific whitecourt block in west-central Alberta.

Ten wells will be drilled in Saskatchewan as part of the Saskatchewan as part of the heavy oil exploration programme, and four natural gas prospects will be tested in British Columbia.

Donaldson, Lufkin New York -- Donaldson, Luf-

kin and Jenrette has completed the acquisitions of Pershing and the acquisitions of Pershing and Co and Wood Struthers and Winthrop. The combined firms will have a capital base of nearly \$75m including a revoluced and term loan of \$15m. Pershing and Co is a New York stock exchange clearing broker and correspondent for more than 100 regional and international securities firms. international securities firms. Wood Struthers and Winthrop is a New York stock exchange member firm.—Reuter.

All well at Daimler Stuttgart.—Daimler-Benz has had another successful year. The final 1977 turnover figure is put at DM25,500m compared with DM23,500m, Herr Joachim

International

climb 16 per cent to DM11,000m be added. Earnings are also expected to grow thanks to an above average rise in car pro-duction and sales, particularly of the Mercedes 5 models.

Goodyear confident

Akron, Ohio. - The United States tyre industry will produce 255m car and truck tyres this year. This is nearly 7 per cent more than the old production record set in 1972, Good-year Tire & Rubber chairman, Mr Charles J. Pilliod comments. He says that car tyre output

will rise 25 per cent to over 200m units. Truck tyre production will be up 32 per cent to 39m units. The 1978 car tyre market will be 195m units and truck tyre units will total 41m, he estimates he estimates.
The United States tyre indus-

try is entering a period of sales stability with a forecast 7 to 7½ per cent increase in car tyre sales over the next year, Mr Pilliod added.

Carter merger plan

New York.—Carter Hawley Stores, which has sold its House of Frazer stake to Lonrho, has proposed merger negotiations with Marshall Field and Co. Carter chief Mr P. M. Hawley said that Marshall Field management has so far been unwilling to enter into negotiations, and no response to his letter has been received. Carter proposes a share exchange valuing Marshall Field shares

Pechiney's leap

Peris.—Pechiney Ugine Kuhl-mann, the big aluminium and chemical group expects 1977's net profits to be between Fr350m and Fr500m up from last year's Fr153m.

The directors told an informa-tion meeting that gross consoli-dated profits this year are expected to be Fr1.8 billion up from Fr1.2 billion in 1976.— Reuter.



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	6 months	6 months	12 months
	to 30/9/77	to 30/9/76	to 31/3/77
	£	£	£
Turnover	7,159,000	5,958,000	12,338,000
Pretax profits	1,297,000	798,000	2,093,000

Highlights of Interim Statement

- ★ Dividend-5% interim dividend payable on 3rd February, 1978.
- * Trading-improved results from both mining and
- * Outlook-Saint Piran has a very strong base and considerable cash resources with which to pursue its acquisition policy.

Copies of the Interim Statement may be obtained from the Secretary, Saint Piran Limited, 13 Hill Street, Berkeley Square, London W1X 8DS.

South Crofty, Limited

Summary of Half-Year Results

	6 months	6 months	12 months
	to 30/9/77	to 30/9/76	to 31/3/77
	£	£	£
Turnover	4,125,000	2,874,000	6,676,000
Pretax profits	1,139,000	539,000	1,481,000

Highlights of Interim Statement

- * Dividend--16-5% interim dividend payable on 3rd February, 1978.
- * Trading-substantially increased profits caused by sustained level of production coupled with rise in tin

Copies of the Interim Statement may be obtained from the Secretary, South Crofty, Limited, Station Road, Pool, Redruth. Cornwall TR15 3QH.

Milbury Limited



			
	6 months	6 months	12 months
	to 30/9/77	to 30/9/76	to 31/3/77
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Turnover	2,686,000	2,570,000	4,447,000
Pretax profits.	267,000	263,000	485,000

Highlights of Interim Statement

- ★ Dividend—6% interim dividend payable on 3rd February, 1978.
- * Trading-profitability maintained despite high in-
- * Land-land bank replenished by purchase of further prime land.

Copies of the Interim Statement may be obtained from the Secretary, Milbury Limited, 178 Old Wallington Road, Eccles, Manchester M30 90P.

What does Grindlays bank on?

The Grindlays Bank Group has come a long way from its beginnings in the 19th Century. In 1977 we are a major international bank -a world leader in certain areas-but we work hard

to preserve the traditions that put us where we are today. Although the Group is now represented and active all around the world, we have not forgotten that it is people who make our business: our own specialists and managers in head affice and branches working alongside other people our customers. The success of this team effort can be seen in these

examples of the Group's activities - as they happen.

They are the result of people's efforts.

That is what Grindlage banks on



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Analysts said investors were concerned with the outcome of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) meeting.

The United States has reportedly expressed an unwillingness to support the dollar through active intervention on the foreign exchange and instead is seeking promises from West Germany and Japan that they stimulate their economies.

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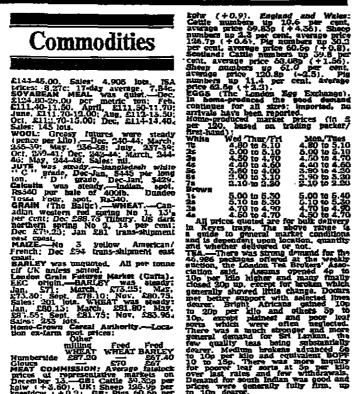
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Patrick Edge-Partington, Chairman, Crown House Limited



Copper rise 'premature' New York, Dec 13.—Asarco other producers probably will fine's 2½ cents per pound increase in copper prices to 62½ cents for values hold steady, or weaken, cathodes surprised a number of leading traders here, trade leading traders here, trade sources said.

One trader who, with others, had been auticipating a price rise during the 1978 first quarter, said the increase was premature.

Some traders said the reaction of other producers to the Asarco move will hinge on the movement of free-market values. If free-market quotes strengthen, steady at the lower price levels.

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Foreign Exchange Sterling galned 90 points at \$1.8405 compared with \$1.8315 overnight as the dollar continued its slide against all major currencies. The absence of any specific agreement from the meeting of the central bankers in Basle, combined with the apparent reluctance on the part of the American authorities to support the dollar, left the unit vulnerable throughout the session.

the session.

At the close of business the dollar had edged off the bottom, The pound's effective exchange index closed unaltered at 63.4 after easing marginally at the opening calculation of 63.3.

Gold lost \$0.50 an ounce to close in London at \$15.625.

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels

The Bank of England gave extremely large help to the discount houses yesterday. Most of this was provided by way of very large overnight loans at MLR (7 per cent) to five or six houses. The balance was given by purchasing Treasury bills and local authority bills on a small scale. This assistance was possibly slightly overdone, hence a smart drop in rates in the closing minutes to around 3½ per cent. Most houses, however, had alreedy ruled off for the day in the 5-per cent band after money had commended the 7-62 per cent area for most of the session. Factors working in the marker's favour included slightly above-target bank beliances brought over from Monday, a modest net maturity position for Treasury bills, and very slight excess of Exchequer disbursements over Revenue offisake.

These were outweighed by another fairly large increase in note circulation of the settlement for a sizeable amount of gift-edged stock sold by the Government Broker on Monday.

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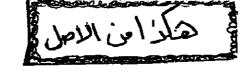
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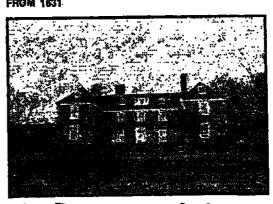
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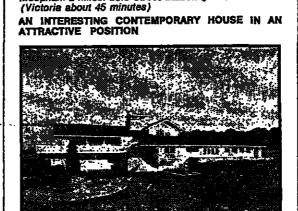
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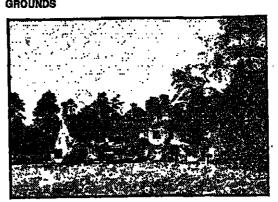


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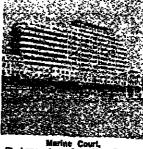
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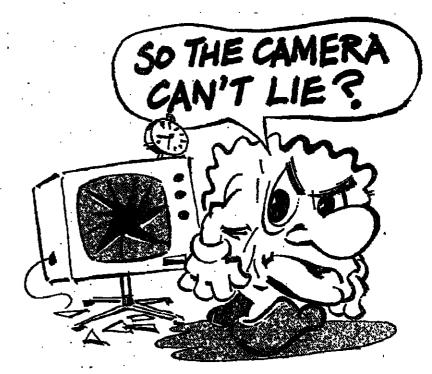
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LAWTON.—On December 11, peacefully, at Sheringhan, Frederick Moglials, husband of Barteara and father of Forty and Peace, MacDodale, McCallett, Colonel George of Hadden and Charlett, Chical George of Highlanders, aged 83. Cremation private, memorial service inter. ARVOLD.—On 13th December, to James and Jillian—a son, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Rochampton, Molher and son both well. BRANT.—On 8th Dec., 1977, to Danie and Pam (neo Stevens)—a son (Joseph). Occ. 12th, at Himboton, to Judy (neo Jams) and Christopher—a daughter (Nicola Judy). matton private, memoral savace inter.

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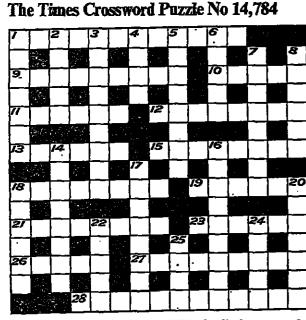
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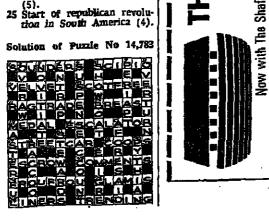
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